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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Kirk Sheriff for District Court Judge in the Eastern District of California

Dear Senators Durbin & Graham,

I write to express my full support for the nomination of Kirk Sheriff as a District Court Judge in the Eastern District of California.

In my nearly 35 years of practicing law, I have had many opportunities to observe judicial officers on both the state and federal benches. I place Kirk Sheriff among those with the highest potential to be an exemplary judicial officer. I previously served as the presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California in two Republican administrations. Kirk worked with me in the U.S. Attorney's Office during both of my tenures. I have known Kirk for over 20 years, and I know him to be eminently qualified to serve as a District Court Judge by means of intellect, experience, demeanor, and character. Kirk has the most impressive of academic qualifications (Columbia undergrad, Harvard Law School). In the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked extensively in both the civil and criminal divisions, meaning he will bring to the bench thorough experience in both areas which is unusual in today's era of specialization. Kirk is a thoughtful, deliberative lawyer who will bring an excellent judicial demeanor to the bench. He will treat all who appear before him with respect and dignity. Kirk and his wife of many years have raised three sons who are all unqualified successes in their own right. He is widely respected in the legal community in the Eastern District. He possesses all the right qualities to serve as an exemplary District Court

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Judge. It is no wonder that the American Bar Association gave Kirk its' highest rating of well qualified.

In short, based on my many years of practicing law and service as United States Attorney, I say to you without reservation that Kirk Sheriff will be an exemplary District Court Judge for the Eastern District of California. I encourage all members of your committee, Democrats and Republicans alike, to support his nomination.

If I may be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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