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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
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United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Building  
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**Re: Nomination of Federal Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai to the United States District Court of Oregon**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write in support of Federal Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai's nomination to the United States District Court of Oregon. Judge Kasubhai is well-qualified to fill this important federal judgeship.

I served as United States Attorney for the District of Oregon from 2015 to 2021. I had the honor and privilege of serving under both the Obama and Trump administrations. As United States Attorney, I was an advocate for law enforcement, community engagement, strong public safety for all, the rule of law, and the impartial administration of justice. I served as a prosecutor in both the state and federal systems in Oregon for over 30 years. As a former violent crimes prosecutor who pursued justice on behalf of victims of all manner of violence to include sexual assaults, child sex abuse, and all degrees of murder, I have always believed in the rule of law, fairness, and justice for all. What mattered most to me as a prosecutor in court was that the judges were competent, experienced, prepared, and impartial.

Judge Kasubhai has an impeccable history as an experienced jurist in exhibiting these important judicial traits. His record as a judge, and his support of both law enforcement and victims of crime is well-known. His understanding of the necessity for the fair administration of justice to the accused is equally well-known and greatly appreciated. His demeanor in court is always professional, courteous, focused, and direct. He is truly the consummate judicial professional, and to his credit, rightfully expects the same from the litigants and participants appearing in his courtroom. These characteristics are the hallmark of what a member of the federal bench should demonstrate on a daily basis. No one does so better than Judge Kasubhai. The tradition of remarkable appointees in the District of Oregon will be continued with his well-earned confirmation.

Lastly, and in my view importantly, Judge Kasubhai presents an important opportunity for the Senate Judiciary Committee to not only provide an historic appointment to the federal bench in Oregon, but to confirm a well-qualified nominee who is deserving of this honor. I respectfully

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and unreservedly recommend that Judge Kasubhai be the next member of the United States District Court of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Billy Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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