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Dear Senators:

As former United States Attorneys for the Northern District of Illinois we write to express our strong support for April M. Perry to serve as a District Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

In 2004, then U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald hired Ms. Perry following her Seventh Circuit clerkship for Judge Joel M. Flaum. During the early years of her career, Mr. Fitzgerald observed Ms. Perry to be thoughtful and ethical and exhibit excellent judgment. As a result, he promoted her to become a Deputy Chief in the Narcotics and Gangs section, Project Safe Childhood and Violence Against Women Act Coordinator, and later Supervisory Litigation Counsel. Ms. Perry excelled in her supervisory roles just as she had as a line AUSA, and continued to carry a caseload in addition to managing the work of other AUSAs.

Following U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald's tenure, U.S. Attorney Zachary T. Fardon was confirmed in 2013. During his tenure, Mr. Fardon promoted Ms. Perry to serve as Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Coordinator. In that role, Mr. Fardon worked closely with Ms. Perry on important civil rights matters including the joint federal and state investigation of Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke for the shooting death of Laquan McDonald. Mr. Fardon found Ms. Perry to be smart, diligent, careful, and compassionate.

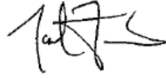
In sum, knowing Ms. Perry and her work for nearly 20 years, we believe her to be an earnest advocate for justice, fair and open-minded, and of the highest integrity. It is for all these reasons that we unreservedly support Ms. Perry's nomination and urge you to confirm her as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Fitzgerald*

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