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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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**RE: The Honorable Gretchen Lund
Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Indiana**

Dear Chairman Durban and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing this letter in support of Judge Gretchen Lund's nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. I have known Judge Lund since she started her career at the Elkhart County Prosecutors Office. I was fortunate enough to continue working with Judge Lund after she became the Judge for Goshen City Court, and later a Judge for the Elkhart County Superior Courts.

I have always had great respect for Judge Lund, not just because of her position, but also for the positive impact she has in our community. I have witnessed her as Judge and seen she is not only fair and impartial, but she is also caring. Judge Lund has not only handed down appropriate verdicts when needed, but she always tries to determine the root cause of the individual's behaviors.

Her passion for justice is not just about the law, but is also about correcting the underlying issues that caused the behavior that placed the individual in their situation in the first place. This level of caring can make such a positive impact for individuals. It provides the ground work for those involved to make more appropriate choices in life to ultimately better their future.

Judge Lund has demonstrated this passion by participating in programs, and by spearheading programs, that provide pathways for someone to be better. She understands most unhealthy choices in life can come from a place of pain, when people are most vulnerable and are feeling hopeless. In these moments many can make poor choices because of mental crisis, substance abuse, or both. Judge Lund is a strong proponent for

people to receive the proper mental health care to improve their lifestyle, as well as the proper treatment for drug addiction or abuse. This in turn empowers those less fortunate to become positive contributors in the community.

As I had stated previously, simply her actions as Judge have earned my respect. Those actions coupled with the care she shows to someone as a human being, has earned even more of my respect.

I am honored to write this nomination letter for Judge Lund and know the law enforcement in my community would concur. I would ask the committee to support this nomination of Judge Gretchen Lund to the U.S. District Court.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jose Miller', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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