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Re: Rebecca Pennell candidate for U.S. District Court Judge for Eastern Washington

I am writing to highly recommend Rebecca Pennell, WA Court of Appeals Judge for the position of United States District Court Judge. I have had the privilege of knowing Judge Pennell for many years, and deeply respect her integrity, legal acumen, and commitment to her community.

I have also had to opportunity to work with Judge Pennell at Heritage University, a Native American and Latino serving institution, where I am the Department Chair of Social Sciences. I have witnessed Rebecca mentor students preparing for law school and participate in educational forums. Judge Pennell is a natural leader. She is humble, empathetic, and fair, qualities well-suited for the role of a U.S. District Court judge.

Thank you for considering Judge Rebecca Pennell for this important position. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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