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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Lindsey O. Graham,
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: April Perry – Nomination to the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Senator Durbin, Graham, and Committee Members,

I am honored to be writing this letter of support for the nomination of April Perry to the role of United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. As a background, I have been a Federal Agent with the US Department of Homeland Security over twenty years and served in the US Air Force for eight years with a background in investigations. I have specialized my twenty years of Federal experience as a Cyber Investigations, Child Exploitation, and Digital Forensics.

I first had the privilege to work with April in 2007 when she was an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) with the Northern District of Illinois. I was not only the investigator working on a Child Exploitation case, but I was also the Digital Forensic Agent working the case as well. This case was an extremely technical case and April did an amazing job organizing and preparing the group for trial. This case ended up with an extremely favorable decision for the government, and an individual who was exploiting children was sentenced appropriately. Her preparation helped me better understand legal requirements for forensic cases and modify my methodologies for all other future cases I have worked.

April Perry is the MOST dedicated attorney I have worked with in my twenty plus years in law enforcement and I highly support her nomination as the United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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Thank you for allowing me to voice my support.

Sincerely,



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