



# International Brotherhood of Police Officers

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The Honorable Senator Richard J. Durbin  
Chair, Senate Committee on the Judiciary Committee  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

RE: Support for the Nomination of Nicole Berner to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We, the undersigned Public Safety and Law Enforcement Unions, write in support of the nomination of Nicole Berner to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Together we represent more than 6,500 police officers, correctional officers, and forensic officers in geographically diverse departments across the country.

Our members are dedicated to keeping our communities safe. We are proud to serve on the frontlines of law enforcement, even though our jobs are often difficult and challenging. Like other working people, our members need quality resources in training, equipment, staffing, and fair compensation to do their best. We take a professional oath to uphold the law and deserve respect for the work we do. We also understand that we are accountable to the public we serve.

Because of our mission, we have a deep appreciation for the critical role that our judiciary plays in our society. We believe it is vital to have fair and open-minded judges on the bench with practical knowledge of the real-life experiences of everyday America, including the experience of the working men and women who serve as law enforcement officers. For those reasons, we strongly support the nomination of Nicole Berner to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. As counsel for the SEIU, Ms. Berner has worked with law enforcement officers on a variety of issues. We are confident that Ms. Berner will bring the same attributes she has brought to her legal career so far – that is, her excellent legal talent, deep listening skills, and collaborative and fair approach – to the position of judge on the Fourth Circuit.

Respectfully Submitted:

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James Farley, Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Correctional Officers