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*RE: Julia Munley for Judge*

Dear Senators:

The purpose of this letter is to offer my comments relative to the appointment of Honorable Julia Munley of the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

I have been a member of the Bar in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania for almost 50 years and have worked with Judge Munley in various capacities for almost 30 years. One case, which occurred when Judge Munley was a young lawyer, involved a very complex arbitration arising out of a school construction project. I served as the arbitrator, and Judge Munley represented one of the parties. She was very well prepared on both the facts and law of the case and was an excellent advocate for her client's position. I knew right then that she would have a great career in the legal profession.

On a number of occasions, I was engaged with Judge Munley when she was practicing law. Again, I always found her to be well prepared and knowledgeable and a very worthy adversary. She always conducted herself to a very high level of professionalism.


In recent years, I've had a number of occasions to appear before Judge Munley in the Court of Common Pleas. She was always well prepared for the proceedings, conducted herself with great decorum and treated witnesses and litigants before her with great respect. Judge Munley has an outstanding judicial temperament. She is fair, impartial and committed to equal justice for all. Judge Munley has demonstrated both the legal and administrative ability that's required of a United States District Judge.

I have known Judge Munley's family for well over half a century. In fact, I had lunch with her father and uncle, both military veterans, the day before I entered the United States Air Force in March of 1968. The Munleys have always been a family of the highest quality and integrity and Judge Munley is no exception to this rule. She clearly has the outstanding character required of a judge in these difficult times.

Based on my extensive experience with Judge Munley as set forth above, I am happy to wholeheartedly endorse her for a position on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

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