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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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**RE: Nomination of Keli M. Neary
Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the Middle District
of Pennsylvania**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

It is my privilege to write to you in support of the nomination of Keli M. Neary to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

I have known Ms. Neary personally and professionally for approximately thirteen years. She worked in the Civil Law Division of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General while I was First Deputy Attorney General. Later, as Attorney General in 2016, I had the distinct pleasure of promoting Ms. Neary to Senior Deputy within the Civil Division.

Ms. Neary is a brilliant, thoughtful, and talented attorney with extremely strong credentials. For the last five years she has supervised the entire Civil Law Division within the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. This responsibility required her to regularly advise the Attorney General on significant legal matters of statewide and national importance. Her mastery in the areas of constitutional law, employment law, and torts, provides invaluable assistance to that office in its representation of state agencies.

During the five years I worked with Ms. Neary her reputation was impeccable. Her colleagues, other lawyers, and jurists, often commented to me on her knowledge of the law,

level demeanor and commitment to impartial and fair results for all. She has a reputation in the legal community for possessing the highest level of character and integrity. Moreover, my personal experience with Ms. Neary is that she possesses the character necessary for achieving just and fair results, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

Ms. Neary was a constant resource for me during my tenure. She was immensely supportive during 2015 and 2016 when the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General was experiencing trying times as the office recovered from the indictment, conviction, and resignation of a previous Attorney General. Ms. Neary helped steer the Civil Division during these tumultuous times, often providing state agencies with proper assurances that they would continue to be defended with legal acumen and professionalism.

I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding the nomination of Keli Neary and thank you for allowing me to submit this letter on behalf of this supremely qualified candidate.

Respectfully,



Bruce R. Beemer
Administrative Judge, Criminal Division
Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas