



**MARION SUPERIOR COURT**  
**CIVIL COURT 1**  
675 Justice Way  
Indianapolis, IN 46203

**Heather Welch**  
JUDGE

December 6, 2023

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  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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**RE: The Honorable Cristal Brisco**  
**Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the Northern**  
**District of Indiana**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write to you today to strongly support Judge Cristal Brisco's nomination by President Joe Biden to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. I first had the opportunity to meet Judge Brisco in approximately 2021 when she was appointed to serve on the Indiana Judges Association Board of Directors by then President Judge Darrin Dolehanty while I served as the Vice-President of the association. I had the opportunity to get to know Judge Brisco and was very impressed with her participation, poise, and willingness to weigh in with sound advice during our board meetings.

Our paths met again, when the Indiana Commercial Court Committee recommended to the Indiana Supreme Court that the Justices appoint Judge Brisco as an Indiana Commercial Court Judge. She became an Indiana Commercial Court Judge in February of 2022. There are only 10 Commercial Court Judges in Indiana which makes this a close-knit group of judges who are dedicated to presiding over complex business cases. This gave me the opportunity to work side by side with Judge Brisco. Once again, I was impressed by her knowledge of the law on complex business matters, her strong work ethic, and her steadfast willingness to address these cases in an efficient fashion. Judge Brisco always conducts herself in a professional manner and displays considerable kindness and patience with attorneys, litigants, and her colleagues.

In conclusion, it is my pleasure to strongly support Judge Brisco as the nominee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 317-413-8418 or [Heather.Welch@indy.gov](mailto:Heather.Welch@indy.gov).

Sincerely,



Heather Welch  
Judge, Marion Superior Court, Civil Division  
Indiana Commercial Judge