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Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Judiciary Committee
Chairman
United State Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Lindsey Graham
Judiciary Committee
Ranking member
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

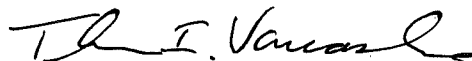
Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Graham:

I am writing with unqualified support for the nomination of United States Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr., to serve as a United States District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Having served as a member of that esteemed Court for sixteen years, including seven years as its Chief Judge, I know both the unique demands presented to the Bench of the Middle District of Pennsylvania as well as the qualities that are required to serve the citizens of this great Nation. And having served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit for more than eight years, I know the qualities that truly outstanding United States District Judges must possess. Chief Magistrate Judge Saporito possesses all of those qualities.

He is exceptionally intelligent, hardworking, thoughtful, patient, firm, fair, and compassionate. I have observed him firsthand as a practicing attorney who appeared before me in my judicial capacity. He was always well-prepared, serving both as an ardent advocate for his clients and as a respectful officer of the court. And I have observed him from afar as he embarked on his judicial career. He has a stellar reputation for handling the matters before him with great care and understanding. He also has that unique quality of knowing what it takes to resolve a dispute amicably.

In summary, Chief Magistrate Judge Saporito has the character, intellect, discipline, patience, and sense of fairness to fulfill the awesome responsibilities of a United States District Judge. I cannot think of a person more qualified to serve the citizens of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and our great Nation.

Respectfully,



Hon. Thomas I. Vanaskie (Ret.)