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The Honorable Richard J. Durban, Chair
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The Honorable Lindsay Graham, Ranking Member
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Dear Senators Durban and Graham,

This letter is written to recommend the confirmation of the nomination of Prof. Sarah F. Russell to serve as a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

For background, I practiced law in Connecticut for 51 years, 47 as a prosecutor, the final 13 as Chief State's Attorney, before retiring in December of 2019.

From 2011 through 2019 I had the opportunity to work closely with Prof. Russell when she served as a research assistant and then a member of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission. The Sentencing Commission is composed of members with very different perspectives who also serve as judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, police chiefs, victim advocates, the Commissioner of Correction, etc. Its purpose is to study and consider a variety of important criminal justice issues and reach consensus and make principled recommendations to the Connecticut General Assembly. Prof. Russell was very engaged with commission members during serious, sometimes intense, discussions as we worked through some very important issues relating to criminal sentencing.

During all of this time Prof. Russell was very thoughtful, hard working and conscientious. She was open minded, respectful of others and listened well to opposing viewpoints before deciding. She exhibited a sense of integrity and responsibility. I support her confirmation.

Sincerely,

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