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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Re: Recommendation of Appointment of Ryan Park to Serve as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Dear Senators Durbin and Graham:

Having served as for forty-five years, and having served during that time in many capacities as an attorney, including a representative of persons injured or harmed by the neglect or even deliberateness of others, as an advocate for those accused of crime, and as an attorney for law enforcement officers and agencies, I now serve as legal counsel for several sheriffs in North Carolina. I also serve as a director for the North Carolina Association of Sheriff's Police Attorneys. This experience and these positions have enabled me to observe and appreciate the legal acumen and the capacity for judicial fitness of persons who aspire to be appointed to the judiciary, and has impelled me to write this letter to urge you to support the appointment of Ryan Park as a Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Having appeared and having had the privilege in every level of the judicial system from the small claims court to the United States Supreme Court, I can fully appreciate the attributes of jurists who are themselves fully committed to serving the interests of justice and preserving the Constitution of the United States and the just application of all laws to all people. For these reasons also, I write to urge you to support the appointment of Ryan Park as a Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Having had the opportunity to write on behalf of other others who were ultimately confirmed as judges on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, both Democratic and Republican nominees, I have written in each instance, and I write now as a part of my solemn duty and responsibility, held for the last four and one-half decades, to protect, maintain and defend the United States, and, particularly, the Constitution of the United States. Because the appointment of Ryan Park will promote the purposes, points and principles of our nation and its Constitution and laws, I write to urge you to support the appointment of Ryan Park as a Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Solicitor General Park is a competent, capable, courteous, dedicated scholarly, but practical, person who is respectful of the rights of every person, and whose well reasoned decisions and positions demonstrate his commitment to the rule of law and to the fundamental tenets of our nation and the best of its judiciary. His record of achievement, his intellect, personal integrity



and experience distinctly demonstrate his fitness for service as a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

In my current capacity as legal counsel for elected law enforcement officials and as a director of the Association of Sheriff's and Police Attorneys, I genuinely believe that Ryan Park's confirmation as a jurist would serve the best interests of the United States and of the people who are committed to the protection and promotion of this nation and its system of justice.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that you advise the President that Ryan Park should serve as a member of the court, and that you ardently consent to his service.

Sincerely, , múc Mizchel ( nie M. Mitc

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