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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The undersigned law enforcement officers submit this letter in support of the nomination of Judge Jeffrey Bryan to the United States District Court in Minnesota. Each of us worked closely with Jeff when he was an Assistant United States Attorney investigating and prosecuting individuals who violated federal firearms and drug-trafficking laws. We believe that the complexity of his work as a prosecutor, his commitment to his work, and his character will make him an outstanding federal judge.

As case agents on many different federal and state prosecutions, we know that not every case is the same. Some involve relatively simple charges, with few witnesses, and only a handful of exhibits. Others, like the cases that Jeff worked on with us, are large-scale investigations of criminal organizations that can last many months or even years and require collaboration with law enforcement officers from other cities and states. We worked closely with Jeff on these kinds of cases and know that he was involved in every step of the way: writing search warrants and wiretap applications, meeting and interviewing potential cooperating witnesses and defendants, and carefully planning prosecution strategy. He developed a wealth of useful experience investigating and prosecuting these complex cases.

Jeff also stood out among his peers for his dedication to our cases. He was always willing to work late into the night (or the morning, at times), and through weekends and holidays. As case agents, we knew that he treated every case as his highest priority. We believe that he will do the same for each of the matters assigned to him as a federal judge.

Finally, we observed Jeff interacting with federal judges, defense counsel, defendants, and witnesses. He had a reputation for being honest and straightforward. When meeting with defendants and their attorneys, he was firm, but considerate and willing to listen. When addressing a judge in court or in chambers seeking approval for an investigative order or search warrant, he was respectful and prepared with a comprehensive understanding of the facts.

These qualities distinguished Jeff as a prosecutor. They will also serve him well as a federal judge. We therefore support his nomination to be a federal judge in Minnesota.

Respectfully,

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