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Dear Senators Durbin and Graham:

We write to convey our strong support for the nomination of Sharad Desai to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

We are lawyers who have known Sharad professionally for many years. Some of us were colleagues at the same law firm (Osborn Maledon), and others served as co-counsel or opposing counsel in litigation. Coming from these very different perspectives, we share a common view: Sharad Desai will be an excellent addition to the District of Arizona bench.

In our dealings with Sharad, he has displayed a keen intellect, refined litigation skills and instincts, humility and common sense. While at Osborn Maledon, Sharad worked on many complex litigation matters, including several for his future employer Honeywell International. Sharad's work at Osborn Maledon reached broadly, handling not only complex commercial disputes for large companies, but also matters for family-owned businesses, constitutional issues, lawyer ethics matters, and appeals. His colleagues within the firm admired Sharad's skills, and so did those who worked with and opposite him at other firms. They admired his skills as an advocate in the courtroom, in depositions, as a writer and a negotiator. Always honest, and always professional.

After he left private practice, Sharad rose in the corporate ranks quickly, becoming Chief Litigation counsel for Honeywell's Safety & Productivity Solutions business where he managed a significant docket of complex commercial and tort cases around the world. He later expanded into larger general counsel roles for significant multi-billion-dollar business units of the company.

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Sharad's expansion beyond litigation gives him a broader and valuable perspective that would serve him well on the bench. We have no doubt that Sharad's courtroom experience as a litigator, enhanced by the fresh perspective he has gained through his in-house management work, will make him a great judge.

We wholeheartedly support Sharad Desai's nomination to the bench.

Thank you,



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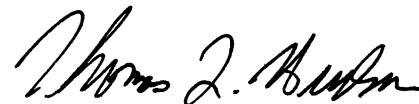
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