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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
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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*Re: Nomination of Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.  
to serve as United States District Judge  
for the Middle District of Pennsylvania*

Dear Mr. Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

Please permit me to take the means and opportunity of this correspondence to write in support of Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr., who has been nominated to serve as District Judge for the United States Middle District of Pennsylvania.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Saporito since my appointment to the position of Assistant District Attorney in 2002. At that time, Judge Saporito was an Assistant Public Defender (APD). As a result, we were on opposite sides of a multitude of cases. In those matters, then-APD Saporito fought zealously for his clients, yet always with a respect for the law, the process, his legal adversaries, and the court. In every aspect of his work, he garnered respect from all parties involved.

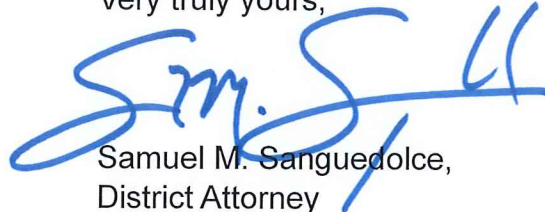
Having prosecuted clients represented by then-APD Saporito, I found his knowledge of the law and diligence in representing his clients to be unparalleled regardless of whether he was paid as a private attorney or appointed to the case as an Assistant Public Defender.

With respect to his career as Federal Magistrate, Judge Saporito has presided over a number of cases involving my former law firm. Additionally, I am familiar with his work on cases where many of my friends in our bar association were advocates. I do not hesitate to represent, on behalf of our firm and the many members of our bar that appeared before Judge Saporito, that he has always exemplified the knowledge,

temperament, and decorum due the Federal bench and the many respected jurists that preceded him. Simultaneously, Judge Saporito has always had the ability to assure the parties and legal practitioners appearing before his Court that the playing field was a level one, and that the result of any dispute would be fair and unbiased based purely on the law and facts at bar.

As District Attorney of Luzerne County, as a member of the Pennsylvania and Federal Bars, and as a community member, I am proud to write in support of Chief Magistrate Judge Saporito for United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Further, knowing the important work to be done and the caseload maintained by the bench, I respectfully urge prompt confirmation of this nomination.

Very truly yours,



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