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DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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**RE: Confirmation of the Honorable Benjamin Checks, U.S.M.J. to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California**

Dear Senators:

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the confirmation of the Honorable Benjamin Checks, U.S.M.J., to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. We strongly recommend him for the position and are confident he will be an asset to the Court and our Federal judiciary.

We had the opportunity to meet Judge Checks at magistrate judge orientation first in Seattle, Washington in August 2024, and then again in Washington, D.C. in October 2024. Orientation is an intense program that lasts two full weeks, where new judges participate in training with one another from morning to night. The result is that you get to know your colleagues very well in a short period of time and form lasting bonds. We immediately connected with Judge Checks and spent a lot of time together during the program. We were able to observe him in the classroom setting, where he paid close attention, actively participated and asked intelligent questions. We also were able to observe him in a social setting, where he

was engaging, friendly and professional at all times. He demonstrated humility and thoughtfulness, as well as the practical and humorous sides of his personality. Thus, although we have not known Judge Cheeks for a very long time, we feel we can vouch for his character.

Judge Cheeks is of the upmost character. He is highly moral, extremely intelligent, fair and impartial. He displays all of the character traits that are so crucial in the role of a judge. If Judge Cheeks is unfamiliar with a substantive area of the law, he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and learn it. He does not shy way from hard work, nor is he hesitant to ask for assistance when needed. He works cooperatively with others and is supportive of those around him. He has no ego, and is always respectful and friendly to others. His work on the bench thus far as a magistrate judge is a testament to his strong work ethic and high moral character, and we have no doubt that he will continue to display all these traits as a district court judge.

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