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VIA EMAIL

Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Honorable Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: Nomination of John D. Russell to the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Oklahoma

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

It is my honor to support John D. Russell's nomination to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. I have known John well, both professionally and personally, for my entire 37-year legal career. He is an outstanding lawyer and a fabulous human being. John is smart, thoughtful, compassionate, and has the highest integrity. All traits that mean he has the perfect temperament to serve on the federal judiciary.

John has substantial experience in commercial and criminal litigation across many discreet areas including healthcare, securities, false claims, class actions, insurance, and antitrust matters. He represents companies in civil litigation arising out of government investigations and also represents companies and individuals under investigation by state and federal grand juries and governmental administrative agencies. John conducts internal corporate investigations and advises corporate boards on investigations.

As a former federal prosecutor, John investigated, charged, and tried to decision a wide range of white-collar criminal cases. As a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, he tried civil tax cases in U.S. District Courts around the country.

From my perspective as a trial lawyer, John's background makes him an ideal federal judge. John's varied trial experience as a former federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma, former Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, and experienced commercial litigator is rare. Because he has handled civil and criminal cases for both plaintiffs and defendants before trial and appellate courts, as well as federal and state regulatory agencies, he will truly be a trial lawyer's judge, a rarity in these political times.

John is an incredibly sincere individual who has the highest standards and a heart for justice. This is evidenced by his work as a member of the Northern District of Oklahoma's Criminal Justice Act Panel, where he represents indigent defendants in federal criminal cases. He is also an Adjunct Settlement Judge in the Northern District of Oklahoma, assisting the court, without charge, in mediating civil cases.

John is also an involved member of the Tulsa community, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. John is an excellent role model, both personally and professionally, who will work hard and constantly strive to do the right thing as a Judge. If confirmed, John will make both of our Senators proud, as well as the President.

With his unique skill set of trial experience, intelligence, judgment, temperament, and thoughtfulness, it is difficult to imagine a better qualified attorney to sit on the District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. It is with the most enthusiasm that I support John's nomination, and hope the Senate gives him a speedy and resounding confirmation.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or if there is anything else I can do to support John Russell's nomination.

Very truly yours,



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