

August 21, 2023

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
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

As state district and appellate judges, we understand the importance of a fair and independent judiciary. For this reason, we write to convey our support for the nomination of Judge Jeffrey Bryan to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

After graduating from law school, Judge Bryan practiced as civil litigator. He then served as an Assistant United States Attorney before his appointment as a judge in the Second Judicial District in 2013. While serving as a state court trial judge, he presided over thousands of cases in criminal, civil, family, and juvenile court. In 2019, he was appointed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, where he has written nearly 200 opinions. This extensive and varied experience—in both the federal and state courts—provides the necessary background to be an excellent federal district court judge.

In addition to his service on the bench, Judge Bryan has been involved with the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Through this work, he has demonstrated a dedication to supporting the legal community in the State of Minnesota.

As jurists and colleagues, we know that Judge Bryan has a well-earned reputation as a prepared, fair-minded, and hard-working judge. His opinions reveal his commitment to developing a thorough understanding of the facts and his determined focus on explaining and applying the law in an unbiased manner.

Because of his professional experience, his service to our legal community, and his reputation as a judge, we enthusiastically support his nomination.

Respectfully,

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Second Judicial District Court Judge

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Fourth Judicial District Court Judge

Robert A. Awsumb
Second Judicial District Court Senior
Judge

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Second Judicial District Court Chief
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