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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
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Montgomery Bar Association Support for Senate Confirmation of The Honorable Gail A. Weilheimer as the U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Graham:

On behalf of the members of the Montgomery Bar Association, it is my distinct honor to submit this letter in ardent support of the nomination of The Honorable Gail A. Weilheimer to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Established in 1885 to professionalize the county's practice of law, the Montgomery Bar Association is one of the nation's oldest and most respected bar associations in the United States. The Association exists to uphold legal and ethical standards in our community and has a longstanding tradition of service to its membership and our community. Judge Weilheimer exemplifies the venerable missions of the Montgomery Bar Association and will be an extraordinary addition to the federal bench.

Judge Weilheimer has served as a judge on the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas since 2013 and was recently retained for her second term. During her tenure on the Court of Common Pleas, she has earned the steadfast respect of our legal community while presiding over cases in criminal, civil, orphans' and family courts. With a keen intellect and tenacity in all that she approaches, Judge Weilheimer is diligent and efficient in her approach to judicial matters. As important is the emphasis she places on civility. She treats all parties with the same level of deference she expects. Yet, she is approachable and makes herself accessible to work toward the resolution of disputes. Her stellar reputation is that of an eminently fair and prepared jurist who has a masterful command of the law, her courtroom, and the litigants and attorneys who appear before her.



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Judge Weilheimer has dedicated her professional life to helping our legal community. Notably, she created a Competency Court which monitors all matters of criminal competency, as well as addressing the needs of individuals with serious mental illness. Judge Weilheimer brings the same level of commitment and dedication to her altruistic endeavors and service-oriented activities. She is a resolute partner in many of our bar association programs, especially those related to the advancement of women in the profession and our diversity internship and development program.

Judge Weilheimer has an impeccable reputation that unquestionably meets the highest standards of professionalism, judicial temperament, and ethical integrity. She is the ideal nominee because she possesses all of the qualities that make her an exceptional judge. She will certainly be a wonderful addition and asset to the federal bench.

I am proud to be President of the Montgomery Bar Association and equally proud to support Judge Weilheimer's nomination. Along with all my fellow members who are identified on this letter, we urge a swift confirmation of Judge Weilheimer to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa A. Shearman'.

Lisa A. Shearman
President, Montgomery Bar Association



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