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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sirs,

I write to you as the elected Sheriff of Orange County, North Carolina. I wish to acknowledge my unconditional support of Ryan Y. Park for a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Park currently serves as Solicitor General for our great state and does so in an exemplary manner. During his time as Solicitor General, he has earned the trust and respect of the members of the North Carolina State Lodge, and the greater law enforcement community.

Although much of the work he does may not be seen or fully understood by the officer on the street, the results of the cases he is assigned garner their appreciation. They know he is there fighting to uphold the rule of law. While law enforcement may have changed drastically over the last five years, the purpose and importance to public safety has not, and Mr. Park understands that.

Mr. Park's record as Deputy Solicitor General and Solicitor General is outstanding, and he has shown appropriate respect for the legal principles that are vitally important for the law enforcement community, including but not limited to qualified immunity.

Mr. Park has earned a solid record demonstrating dedication to the rule of law and a commitment to traditional constitutional values. He will make an outstanding jurist.

I am certain you fully grasp the deep partisan divide that exists in today's political arena, which is more evident now than anytime we can recall. I am confident there are many more law enforcement leaders who, if the divide were not so volatile, would voice their support for Mr. Park.

I offer my full support for the appointment of Mr. Park to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Thank you for your time and consideration and please feel free to contact me if you need additional information."

Respectfully,

Sheriff Charles S. Blackwood