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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, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We are members of the greater Philadelphia legal community who write to you in strong and enthusiastic support of Gail A. Weilheimer's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge Weilheimer's extensive legal experience, integrity, commitment to the rule of law, and public service make her an exceptional candidate for this important role. As evidenced by the many members of the legal community who have signed this letter, her reputation for thoughtful and well-reasoned decisions has earned her respect from colleagues and litigants alike.

Judge Weilheimer's qualifications are exemplary and demonstrate her dedication to justice and the greater good. She started her career as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, and thereafter worked at two Montgomery County law firms primarily representing school districts, municipalities, and other government entities. From 2004 to 2008, while in private practice, she served as an elected Commissioner for Abington Township, Pennsylvania. Judge Weilheimer was first elected to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in 2013 and retained in 2023.

Judge Weilheimer's dedication to fairness and an unwavering commitment to upholding the rule of law have extended beyond her rulings from the bench. Recognizing the need for specialized knowledge and attention to cases addressing competency resulting from serious mental illness, intellectual disability, autism, dementia, and traumatic brain injury, Judge Weilheimer created the Montgomery County Competency Court, which centralized the process for addressing individuals with these needs and resulted in a more effective and efficient process. Judge Weilheimer's Competency Court has become a model for other counties throughout Pennsylvania and resulted in her involvement in creating statewide best practice standards for competency and civil commitment in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's mental health initiative.

Her qualifications, character, and commitment to justice make her an outstanding choice and we are confident that Judge Weilheimer will uphold the highest standards of the judiciary. In short, each of us believes that Judge Gail A. Weilheimer is eminently qualified for the position for which she has been nominated. Her intellect, temperament, work ethic, and integrity will make her an outstanding addition to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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