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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  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am extremely pleased and honored to be able to offer a letter of support for the nomination of Karoline Mehalchick, Chief District Judge of the United States District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the position of District Judge in that same Court.

Throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, Judge Mehalchick is recognized for her intelligence, knowledge of the law, and compassion on the bench. She is also known for her involvement in the community with a range of respected non-profit organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, United Neighborhood Centers, and the Ballet Theatre of Scranton.

Indeed, it was in my capacity as President of the non-profit Northeast Regional Cancer Institute that I first had the pleasure of meeting and working with Ms. Mehalchick, more than 20 years ago. Then Attorney Mehalchick served as legal counsel for the organization that works to promote cancer screenings, among low-income populations in northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite her young age Karoline was a strong and able attorney, who guided the staff through a variety of organizational and operational challenges.

Today, as President of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, I have the opportunity to network with and promote the many outstanding assets and resources of our region. One of our strengths is the absolutely first-rate judiciary of the Middle District. Judge Karoline Mehalchick has been a critical player in this institution, and with the opportunity to advance to District Judge will further strengthen and bring honor to that bench.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Durkin  
President  
Greater Scranton  
Chamber of Commerce