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June 5, 2023

Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Vernon Oliver
Letter of Support for the application for a seat on the Federal District Court

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

It is my privilege to write in strong support of Judge Vernon Oliver's appointment as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Connecticut. It is without hesitation that I encourage you to confirm his nomination.

Judge Oliver has an extensive background that makes him uniquely qualified for this appointment. A product of Connecticut public schools, he went on to receive both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of Connecticut. His legal career was grounded in public service even before he took the bench in the Connecticut Superior Court, first as an Assistant State's Attorney and later as an Assistant Attorney General. While at the Connecticut Attorney General's office, he successfully handled both complex and emotional matters in the Child Protection Bureau.

I met Judge Oliver during my tenure on the Judiciary Committee here in Hartford. As a practicing attorney, I was impressed by the way he handled himself before the committee. His breadth of knowledge in both criminal and civil law, as well as the diversity of his judicial assignments, makes him uniquely qualified to be appointed to the federal bench.

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Judge Oliver is respected as a smart, detail oriented, and fair jurist among my fellow members of the bar. He has a reputation for bringing a deep understanding of the law to the matters before him, for listening in earnest to the arguments presented, and for offering well-reasoned decisions. He treats everyone with courtesy.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Judge Oliver for one final reason. It is his temperament. While it is important to know the law, it is critical to administer justice in a fair and equitable manner. As a constituent I've had the opportunity to engage with Judge Oliver outside of the courtroom and witnessed how he treats others firsthand. Whether it be a community clean up on a Saturday morning, or providing guidance to a legal colleague over coffee, Vernon Oliver has the demeanor one could only hope all jurists possess. He is smart, deliberate, and fair. All qualities a judge should exemplify.

I urge you to confirm Judge Oliver's nomination to the bench in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Cordially,



Christie M. Carpino
Connecticut State Representative

cc: Senator Richard Blumenthal
Senator Chris Murphy
Congressman John Larson
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