

December 4, 2023

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Re: The Honorable Gretchen Lund, Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Judge Gretchen Lund to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

I am a retired Indiana trial court judge (having served 31 years on the bench) and currently work as a Certified Senior Judge for the Indiana Supreme Court's Office of Court Services, primarily in judicial education. Additionally, I am the current President of the Indiana State Bar Association.

I can indicate up front that I have no personal experience with Judge Lund in terms of handling of cases, her legal decisions and the like. However, I have had the pleasure of serving with Judge Lund on court committees and observing her as a judicial educator and I can most certainly give her high marks on both counts. One recent example: Judge Lund was very recently appointed as the Chair of the Indiana Supreme Court's Judicial Education Committee. Rather than so things the same as they have been done for the past several years, Judge Lund convened a planning retreat for the committee to re-examine judicial education in Indiana from the bottom up and which resulted in several new directions for the education department to explore. She is a leader, decisive and creative, and in my opinion is very well respected in the Indiana legal community.

I appreciate the opportunity to send this letter of recommendation on Judge Lund's behalf – please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Very truly yours,

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