



*Our hearts, our minds,
and our doors
are always open*

Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

1523 Fairmount Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

To: The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510.

To: The Honorable Richard Durbin
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510.

Your Honors,

As Jeff Bryan's pastor, I support him for the appointment to the position of Federal Judge. Jeff has been a participant and member at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church for twenty- one years, where I have been serving as the Senior Pastor for the past six years. I have known Jeff to be an active, thoughtful, and faithful leader.

Over the past six years Jeff has taught youth Sunday School faithfully, participated in youth retreats, and been an active participant in the life of the church. In his work with youth, Jeff has created a safe and trusting environment for young people to explore practical questions about faith. He has been reliable, prepared, and brings multiple skills to his volunteer work in the church. Beyond his work with the youth, Jeff has been a thoughtful leader, offering a joyful presence, faithful support, and caring fellowship as part of the congregation.

Three generations of Jeff's family worship at Fairmount Avenue UMC, including his mother, wife, and children. I have had the privilege of being in small groups, Bible studies, confirmation classes, and service trips with his family. It is clear to me that faith is deeply woven into Jeff's family with integrity and rootedness.

Personally, I have had three children participate in the youth Sunday school class that Jeff has been leading, and my family has benefited from his thoughtful and knowledgeable approach to faith. He also helped to co-create an internship with my daughter in the Ramsey County courts while she was in high school, providing an opportunity for her learn about the justice system.

I am grateful for the deep care, integrity, and faithfulness with which Jeff lives and practices faith. I have known him to be consistent, reliable, and of exceptional integrity. I am confident that he would be an asset to the judicial system in the role of Federal Judge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rev. Shawna K. Horn

Fairmount Avenue Vision Statement: *To be a welcoming, joyful community igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*