

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 205010

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 205010

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Sparkle Sooknanan to be a District Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

With Ms. Sooknanan, we had the honor of serving as law clerks to the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States during its October 2013 Term. Like the Justices for whom we worked, we hold different views on judicial philosophy and many other important matters. In the years since leaving the Court, we have gone on to work in a wide range of fields, including private practice, government service, academia, public interest, the judiciary, and more. Some of us actively practice before the District Court to which Ms. Sooknanan has been nominated. And although we may continue to disagree on many things, we are unanimous in our enthusiastic support for Ms. Sooknanan's nomination to be a District Judge.

During our time clerking together, all of us witnessed Ms. Sooknanan's work ethic, legal acumen, professionalism, and respect for the law. And through the long hours and occasionally strong disagreements, we all came to know and appreciate Ms. Sooknanan as an unfailingly kind, fair, and humble person—despite her extraordinarily impressive accomplishments. These qualities made her a terrific co-clerk at the Court, and we have no doubt they will make her an outstanding judge.

It is no surprise to us that Ms. Sooknanan has continued to excel in her legal career since our year at the Court concluded. She has served in multiple high-level roles in the U.S. Department of Justice and as a partner in a top international law firm. And throughout these positions, she has maintained her sterling reputation as an exceptional lawyer and an even more impressive human being.

In short, each of us believes that Ms. Sooknanan 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 our federal judiciary.

We applaud Ms. Sooknanan's nomination and hope the Senate will swiftly confirm her as a District Judge.

Respectfully,

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\* Additional clerks from OT 2013 were unable to sign due to their current positions.