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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  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

As the Dean of the Temple University Beasley School of Law, a public law school located in Philadelphia, I write to express support for the confirmation of Mary Kay Costello as a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Costello is an eminently qualified nominee. She is a graduate of Temple Law School, where she excelled academically and made significant contributions as a student participant in our top-ranked trial advocacy program. Ms. Costello has an excellent reputation in the legal profession, and her service to the legal community is of the highest caliber.

The people within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania will benefit immensely from the experience that Ms. Costello will bring as a judge. She has dedicated the entirety of her career to public service. Her almost twenty years of service as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), in the Eastern District, has been marked by an unflinching commitment to rooting out government corruption and holding wrongdoers accountable. In this role, she has tackled complex cases of fraud in health care, drug diversion schemes, stimulus payments, and other matters of great public importance. Moreover, as former member of the United States Air Force, she has demonstrated a fidelity to the principles that underpin our constitutional structure and has an impeccable record of serving her country.

Ms. Costello has a unique vantage point from which to contribute to a federal district court. As a former litigator in private practice, she understands how commercial pursuits and public responsibilities intersect. In her work as an AUSA, she has shown a commitment to inclusion in the legal profession, having served as the LGBTQ+ Program Coordinator and member of the hiring committee. Such perspectives will allow Ms. Costello to connect judiciously with the people, matters, and organizational interests that are presented to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Indeed, Ms. Costello is an important role model for our law students to observe and emulate as they form their professional identities.

Ms. Costello embodies the values of professionalism, rigor, integrity, and respect for our democracy. The expression from the bench of these core values will instill public confidence in the legal profession and in the judiciary. I hope the Committee will act to elevate this brilliant lawyer to the bench.

I hope that my assessment proves useful in your deliberation of Mary Kay Costello's nomination. Please let me know if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely,

*Rachel Rebruchi*