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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
United States Senate
357 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Hagerty
United States Senate
251 Russell Senate Office Building
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Re: Support the Nomination of Karla Campbell for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Senator Blackburn, and Senator Hagerty:

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts wants to express its support for the nomination of Karla Campbell to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) is trade association which represents the interests of its water, wastewater, and natural gas utility members across the State of Tennessee. Its mission is to provide the highest quality technical, legal, and operational support to assist its 500 plus utility members in providing safe and efficient services in the public interest. TAUD member utilities are located in urban and rural counties across Tennessee.

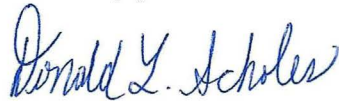
State and federal regulation of water, wastewater, and natural gas utilities is a vital part of the operation of Tennessee utilities. Court decisions can play a major role in the quality, safety, and cost of providing utility services which are essential services to all citizens of Tennessee and the United States. Therefore, TAUD views judicial appointments to the Sixth Circuit as crucial to the well-being of its members and the customers they serve.

I have served as General Counsel for TAUD since 2017. Before joining TAUD, I was a principal in the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch, and Jennings, and Ms. Campbell was an attorney with whom I worked at this firm. Ms. Campbell is a strong advocate for her clients and understands the important role judicial decisions play in the lives of people and businesses. She

will be committed to performing her role as Sixth Circuit Judge with integrity, fairness, and adherence to the rule of law.

In sum, TAUD strongly recommends Ms. Campbell for the Sixth Circuit. TAUD is confident that its utility members and their customers will benefit from her service on the court.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald L. Scholes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Donald L. Scholes, General Counsel