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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Thom Tillis, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Ted Budd, U.S. Senator
Washington, D.C.

Re: Strong Endorsement for Ryan Park for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear President Biden, Senator Tillis, and Senator Budd:

I am writing to strongly endorse Solicitor General Ryan Park for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. My own extensive background in patent law and intellectual property litigation, including 25 years leading the department at SAS Institute Inc., has afforded me a deep appreciation for the intricacies of our legal system, especially concerning patent laws and their enforcement.

Significantly, I have testified before the Senate IP Subcommittee on potential patent reforms, an opportunity facilitated by Senator Tillis and Senator Leahy, which underscores my direct involvement and vested interest in the advancement of a strong patent system. This experience enhances my perspective on the importance of judicial roles in interpreting and shaping these laws, a task Ryan Park will perform with exceptional skill and fairness.

In his role as Solicitor General of North Carolina, Ryan has been instrumental in protecting the integrity of the patent system. He recently led the amicus efforts of 27 States in the pivotal case of **Micron Technology v. Longhorn IP, LLC**, advocating for the position that federal patent law does not preempt state laws providing private rights of action against bad-faith patent assertions. This work is crucial in safeguarding small businesses and innovators from exploitative practices that can stifle creativity and economic growth.


Furthermore, Ryan led North Carolina's amicus efforts in **NAPCO, Inc. v. Landmark Technology, LLC**, supporting the constitutionality of North Carolina's statute against abusive patent assertions. His leadership in these cases demonstrates not only his legal acumen but also his commitment to fair and balanced enforcement of patent laws.

Ryan Park's professionalism and judicial potential are evident not only through his legal achievements but also in his respectful and strategic courtroom demeanor. His ability to maintain decorum and encourage constructive dialogue, even when opinions diverge, is precisely what we need in a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am confident that Ryan will bring to the bench his rigorous legal acumen and a balanced perspective that champions both innovation and fairness. I urge you to consider his nomination favorably and join me in supporting a candidate who will undoubtedly contribute positively to our judiciary.

Thank you for considering my endorsement. Should you require further insights into my recommendation, I am readily available for discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy K. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "W".

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