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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, and Senate Judiciary Committee members,

We are former students of Professor Amir Ali during his tenure at UDC David A. Clark School of Law. We come from all walks of life and hold various personal beliefs and legal philosophies, but we all have the privilege of calling Prof. Ali a mentor. We are writing to highlight several aspects of Prof. Ali's work at UDC Law which may be relevant to his pending nomination and the Committee's upcoming hearing.

Prof. Ali has mentored students from across the ideological spectrum. He engages with the law and allows students to present their ideas without fear of judgement. Prof. Ali is deeply thoughtful and consistently open-minded, and he engages constructively with those who he might disagree. He also mentors a wide range of students about legal research, clerkships, and job applications.

The students of UDC have benefited immensely from his insight about the law during lessons, and his willingness to listen and engage with different opinions. He always had an open mind on legal issues and in fielding questions and concerns from a whole range of perspectives. He is generous with his time, and we are all better off because of his mentorship.

In our collective experiences with Prof. Ali, he cares deeply about the Constitution, about the rule of law, and his students. These qualities would serve him well on the federal bench and make him a role model to the next generation of lawyers, like us. Prof. Ali will make an excellent member of the judiciary, and we fully support his nomination.

Sincerely,

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