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Chair Dick Durbin
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Lindsey Graham
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Re: Support for Judge Rebecca Pennell Appointment To the EDWA

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write to enthusiastically support Judge Rebecca Pennell's appointment to the Eastern District of Washington Bench.

Having served as a trial lawyer in the Yakima Valley for the past 28 years, regardless of one's own political leanings or convictions, I believe trial court judges are best selected based on a demonstrated commitment to three fundamental principles:

First, have they demonstrated an understanding, connection, and commitment to serve the needs of the people of Eastern Washington?

Second, have they demonstrated an ability to actively care and listen to the people of our community?

Third, have they earned our trust by demonstrating an unwavering adherence to support Rule of Law in judicial decision making? In other words, do they treat all people equally under the law irrespective of race, creed, political affiliation, religion, etc.?

Judge Rebecca Pennell consistently, and without waiver, demonstrates all three of these principles. As such, I believe she has earned the privilege of continued service to the people of this District as our next United States District Court Judge.

In short, I fully support Judge Pennell's appointment and believe she will serve our community with the same impeccable character she has demonstrated during her tenure on the Court of Appeals, Division III.

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I am available to answer further questions via phone at (509) 952-1450.

Very truly yours,
LARSON GRIFFEE & PICKETT PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Pickett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W" and a distinct "P" at the end.

William D. Pickett
2018-19 Washington State Bar Association, past president