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Dear Honorable Judiciary Committee;

It is with strong support that I write this letter in support of Kevin Ritz, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and nominee for Judge for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have known and worked with Mr. Ritz for over twenty (20) years and have found him to be an attorney of high moral and ethical character. Although, I have been on the other side, as a member of the defense bar, while serving as Federal Defender for the Western District of Tennessee; I have found Mr. Ritz to be a fair person of integrity in his associations with my Attorney staff and other members of the Criminal defense bar.

We have not always seen eye to eye on legal matters with my clients, but Mr. Ritz has always been willing to meet with me and my Assistants and listen to our presentations. He is passionate about his work and has the perfect temperament to serve as a judicial officer.

If you need to speak with me, I am available and can be reached at 901-544-3895 or by email at doris holt@fd.org.

Sincerely, Naris Rauelle- Hoet

Doris Randle-Holt

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