



Billy Bolin  
Chief of Police

# Evansville Police Department

15 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Evansville, Indiana 47708

TX 812-436-7896 • TDD 812-436-7975 • FAX 812-435-6175 • E-MAIL [info@evansvillepolice.com](mailto:info@evansvillepolice.com)

January 12, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing this letter of support for Judge Matthew Brookman's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. I'm in my 12<sup>th</sup> year as the Chief of Police for the Evansville, IN Police Department (27 years as an officer). I have known Judge Brookman from his time serving as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

When the Evansville Police Department started the Southwestern Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2005, then Assistant United States Attorney Brookman created the legal curriculum for the academy and continued as our legal advisor through 2011. He was also very well regarded by our officers who served on Federal Task Forces.

In 2016, Matthew Brookman was appointed United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. His reputation within our office and department remains very strong. He is known as an honest man who isn't afraid to give his opinion in mediation hearings. It isn't uncommon for him to tell our chain of command when he sees issues with how we handled something, but he does so in a manner that isn't condescending or overbearing.

When I learned Judge Brookman was being nominated for this appointment, my first thought was there isn't a better person for the job. It is my honor to write this nomination letter for a person I know to be both highly qualified and well respected within the law enforcement community. I would ask the committee to support this nomination of Judge Brookman to the U.S. District Court.

Respectfully,  
Billy Bolin  
Chief of Police, Evansville, Indiana



in partnership with the community