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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to voice our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Lindsay Jenkins to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and urge her confirmation to the court.

Lindsay possesses a diverse and distinguished career as a practicing lawyer. As a cohort of federal criminal defense practitioners, however, our experience with her primarily comes through her role as opposing counsel with the United States Attorney's office and in her supervisory position as Chief of the Criminal Division. In those capacities, Lindsay demonstrated daily her unflinching commitment to the rule of law and fundamental fairness—the foundational attributes necessary to sit in judgment on the District Court. As a result, we wholeheartedly endorse this nomination.

Lindsay accomplished the difficult feat in each case of prosecuting zealously while maintaining an open mind to differences of opinion and an open dialogue with defense counsel. Lindsay listened to differing views, and, without abandoning any convictions, displayed a willingness to modify her point of view when circumstances justified it. Her career is marked by an abiding respect for the defense function, and a belief that she became a better prosecutor when facing high quality legal opposition. These hard-earned sensibilities fit precisely with the skill set necessary for the job to which she has been nominated. We stand fully confident in our view that Lindsay Jenkins will provide equal justice to all.

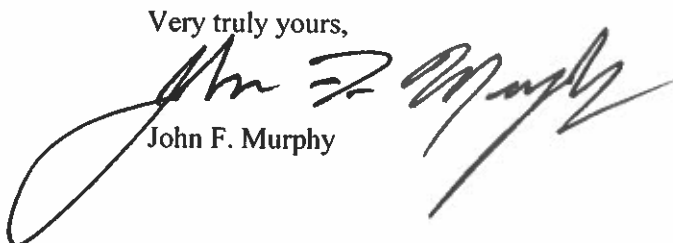
As federal practitioners, we find it important that Lindsay possesses significant courtroom experience. She has litigated many cases in federal court. She possesses a brilliant legal mind, excellent litigation skills, and deeply refined trial skills. In other words, she knows her way around a courtroom. Lindsay's vast experience will allow her to institute best practices when she presides over cases since she has had exposure to a wide variety of judicial methods.

Lindsay has also been a leader in the Chicago legal community. She has been a Board member of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the Black Women Lawyers Association, among other activities. She has served as a leader, mentor and advocate for justice throughout her career.

We strongly urge the Committee to review Lindsay's nomination and vote to confirm her appointment, so that the full Senate can promptly confirm her to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We are available to provide any additional information or to answer any additional questions.

Very truly yours,



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