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

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of United States Magistrate Judge Elizabeth W. Hanes to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

We have each had the privilege of serving as federal prosecutors within the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. Our collective experience covers both criminal and civil matters and includes a number of senior leadership positions within the office. It has also afforded us the opportunity to know and observe Judge Hanes as both a practicing attorney and a magistrate judge. Our support for her nomination is therefore informed by the perspective that comes from years of prior public service and an understanding of the qualities necessary for an effective jurist.

Judge Hanes enjoys a strong reputation in the legal community for her fairness, her intelligence, and her preparation in all matters. During her tenure as an Assistant Federal Public Defender, she conducted herself in an ethical and honest manner at all times and proved herself to be a capable and collegial opposing counsel. She was highly regarded for her credibility and the ability to negotiate fair resolutions for her clients. Following her appointment as a magistrate judge in 2020, she has consistently displayed the temperament, character and work ethic that make for an outstanding judge. She has come to be regarded as a fair and efficient jurist who upholds the high standards of judicial excellence in the Eastern District of Virginia. She has a balanced and equitable approach informed by extensive preparation reviewing the law and facts in every matter that comes before her.

In sum, we enthusiastically support her nomination and respectfully recommend that she be confirmed as the next United States District Judge in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

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