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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Kelley Brisbon Hodge - Judicial Nominee to the  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Please accept this letter in support of Kelley Hodge, a Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

I have been an attorney at Fox Rothschild LLP for 32 years. I am a member of Fox Rothschild's Executive Management Committee. As well, I serve as Managing Partner of the Firm's Philadelphia Office, of which Ms. Hodge is a member. I am also immediate past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, an organization of approximately 12,000 members.

I have known Ms. Hodge since she joined Fox Rothschild on April 20, 2020. Prior to that, I was aware of Ms. Hodge's reputation as a strong advocate and consummate professional as the first African American woman to lead the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Over the course of years, I have seen Ms. Hodge flourish and grow to become an outstanding lawyer and community leader.

I have also been fortunate to observe Ms. Hodge as a practicing lawyer and firm leader. She is smart, practical and serves our clients well. Ms. Hodge takes the time to mentor others. Ms. Hodge's fine leadership abilities also served her well in her work with various bar associations.

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Ms. Hodge is an exceptional lawyer and person. She is thoughtful, compassionate and is a true intellect. She is also able to see the practical side of things. Ms. Hodge's moral compass is beyond reproach and her judgment is outstanding. Moreover, anything that Ms. Hodge does, she takes on in a thoughtful and measured manner.

I can think of no finer person or person more qualified than Kelley Hodge to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Hodge possesses all of the professional and personal attributes to bring honor and justice to the Bench. I am proud that she has been appointed by the President for this extraordinary position where she will undoubtedly make a positive contribution to the Court, its litigants and administration.

Should you have any questions, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you regarding Ms. Hodge. My office line is 215-299-2754.

Thank you again.

Respectfully,



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