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Senator Richard Durbin, Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
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**Re: Support for Nomination of Kymberly Evanson  
United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in my personal and professional capacities to enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Kymberly Evanson to be a United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington. I am currently the General Counsel for Seattle Public Schools, a position I have held since September 2019. Prior to that, from May 2014 through August 2019, I was the Chief of the Civil Division of the Seattle City Attorney's Office. In both capacities I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Evanson on numerous occasions. I have the highest regard for her legal abilities, her character, her professionalism, and her innate sense of justice. I believe that she would be an outstanding federal judge.

One of my responsibilities with both the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools has been to decide whether to retain outside counsel in pending litigation and, if so, which lawyer to hire. In hiring a lawyer to represent the school district (and previously to represent the City of Seattle), I am seeking not only a skilled advocate, but also a lawyer who will bring to the case a strong spirit of serving the public interest and ensuring that justice is done. Ms. Evanson meets this standard in every respect. I have particularly chosen to retain her in complex cases that have high public visibility and are politically sensitive. These have ranged from an effort to recall the members of the school board, to litigation between the school district and one of its own board directors, to the defense of class actions challenging the legality of camera enforcement of speed limits in school zones. In each case, Ms. Evanson has demonstrated an ability to prepare clear and cogent written briefs, to make persuasive and forceful presentations in court (at both the trial court and appellate levels), to stay focused on the merits of the case in the face of high-pitched attention from the press and social media, and to advise and represent her client with the utmost integrity and professionalism.

Ms. Evanson has repeatedly demonstrated that she has the legal skills necessary to tackle the wide range of issues she would confront on the bench, and the temperament and ethical standards

that are expected of a federal judge. In 34 years of practicing law, I can think of no colleague whom I would more enthusiastically recommend for a judicial appointment.

I strongly urge the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to approve the nomination of Kymberly Evanson to serve as a judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. If I can provide any additional information that would be helpful, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [gcnarver@seattleschools.org](mailto:gcnarver@seattleschools.org).

Sincerely,

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