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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
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Re: Nomination of John Frank Murphy  
to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination, and confirmation, of John Frank Murphy to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

We clerked with Mr. Murphy at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and found him to be an exceedingly smart, diligent, and fair-minded attorney.

As a clerk, Mr. Murphy efficiently and consistently mastered the facts and issues in cases and assisted the Court with its decision making as appropriate for a clerk. He asked probing questions and approached cases with an open mind, and an earnest intent to determine the correct outcome under the law. Mr. Murphy likewise demonstrated collegiality within and across chambers at the Federal Circuit. Mr. Murphy's intellect, work ethic, and temperament—among other qualities—will make him an excellent addition to the District Court.

Mr. Murphy's experience exemplifies a track record of success and distinction that we expect would continue as a member of the Judiciary. Before clerking, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Cornell University with a B.S. in chemical engineering and received a Ph.D in chemical engineering from the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Murphy received a law degree from Harvard University, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*. Since clerking, Mr. Murphy has co-authored a casebook and served as an adjunct professor.

In addition, Mr. Murphy's dedication to and pride in the city of Philadelphia would be a perfect fit for this particular Court.

We are proud to recommend that the Committee confirm Mr. Murphy's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. We are confident that he will serve the Court, and represent the Judiciary, with honor and distinction

Respectfully submitted,

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