The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Incoming Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Incoming Ranking Member Graham:

We write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of New Jersey Superior Court Judge Robert A. Kirsch to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

We have each had the privilege of serving as federal prosecutors in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey during Judge Kirsch's nearly 13 years of honorable and distinguished service in that Office. As a result of our overall experience within the U.S. Attorney's Office, as well as our subsequent work in the public and private sectors since, we know Judge Kirsch as both a federal prosecutor and state court judge. Informed by that experience, and by our understanding of the qualities that make a great jurist, we unreservedly endorse Judge Kirsch for the federal bench.

Judge Kirsch's work ethic, preparation, intellect, and legal abilities are superb. As a federal prosecutor, Judge Kirsch prosecuted a wide variety of federal crimes and made some of his most important contributions by leading a number of significant white-collar investigations and trials. Likewise, during his dozen or so years on the state bench, Judge Kirsch has deftly presided over difficult cases, including lengthy trials of some of the most heart-wrenching murders and violent crimes in the State. As important as his legal acumen, Judge Kirsch's conduct as a judge bespeaks humanity for the parties, victims, and other stakeholders affected by his rulings. He has a well-earned reputation for fairness, with a toughness tempered by compassion.

For these reasons and others, we wholeheartedly support the President's nomination of Judge Kirsch and respectfully recommend that he be confirmed as the next United States District Judge in the District of New Jersey.

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