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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
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Re: Letter of Support for the Honorable Dana M. Douglas to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write this letter in my personal capacity to offer my proud, unwavering, and enthusiastic support for the elevation of Judge Dana M. Douglas to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and to humbly urge the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate to confirm Judge Douglas without delay.

I have had the privilege of serving as Judicial Assistant to Judge Douglas for the past three and one-half years since her appointment as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Working daily alongside Judge Douglas has provided me the ability to witness and admire her consistent attention to detail, the countless hours she spends on her research and preparation for every case she presides over. Judge Douglas approaches every case in the same manner, with her undivided time and attention regardless of its complexity and she will work tirelessly to accommodate every litigant that appears before her. Not only is she smart, but she is fair, respectful and she has an exceptional judicial temperament.

Finally, I would be remised if I did not touch upon Judge Douglas on a personal level. Although I have worked with her for the last three and one-half years, I have known her for over thirty years and she has remained as one of the warmest, kindest, thoughtful, and most caring people, I have had the pleasure to know. She will go above and beyond to help others, friends, and family even when there are not enough hours in the day she will make and find the time to put their needs before her own. Her character is selfless, giving, caring and compassionate for others, this is something she demonstrates daily by caring for both of her elderly parents who have health issues. I witness, as well as admire, how deeply devoted she is to her family by the way she manages without complaint, all their daily needs, their many doctor appointments, meals, and necessary affairs, and doing all this while rearing and serving as a role model to her beautiful daughter Charli. It is inspiring to witness first-hand her approach to balance and priority. Without question, she puts her position as a Magistrate Judge first, even when juggling her busy docket or consumed in research she will always make time to assist and guide me with

any question or stumbling block I am faced with and is always there to offer guidance and direction.

Judge Douglas' consistent work ethic is driven by her dedication and commitment to public service, this is represented by her involvement in the many bar associations and boards she has served as well as the countless panel moderators and speakers at various continued legal education programs. She has often served in many leadership positions with various legal and community organizations and in those roles is where she was exceptional and displayed her natural talent of excelling as a natural respected, fair leader.

In short, Judge Douglas is a well-respected jurist and a phenomenal woman. She possesses all the qualities both professional and personal that will make her an exceptional distinguished appellate judge. I am fortunate to work with, learn from and witness her daily and I proudly call her my Judge and friend.

I respectfully urge you to consider her confirmation, as she will undoubtedly make an outstanding addition to the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Respectfully,



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