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Chairman Richard Durbin  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-711  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Charles Grassley  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-135  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Kymberly Evanson's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing to you, as former opposing counsel to Kymberly Evanson, to express my strong support for her appointment as a federal judge.

In 2016, after fighting off a high-water-demand methane processing plant proposed for the Tacoma tidelands, and recognizing the water supply shortage issues that Tacoma faces, my clients, a volunteer group called Save Tacoma Water, organized a volunteer signature drive to qualify for the City of Tacoma ballot an initiative that would have required voter approval for any industrial water applicant over one million gallons per day. The Port of Tacoma, Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Council, and Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce sued in an effort to get the courts to prevent the initiative from appearing on the ballot. City of Tacoma chose to oppose the initiative going on the ballot, and made the smart decision to hire Kymberly and her colleagues at Pacifica Law Group.

Kymberly's team were tactical and strategic, but they were never presumptuous. Even though the political power was lined up on their side, they always treated my clients and me with respect and civility. They didn't engage in side-show arguments, and instead took the high road. Their briefs were intellectually rigorous on challenging legal issues. They won the case, but did not seek to punish my clients or me for defending our position.

We were on opposite sides of a publicly significant issue in which all sides had strongly held positions, involved constitutional issues, and also that went from multiple trial court proceedings up to an appeal and a petition for review. My respect for Kymberly grew through the process, and I now often include her firm in referral recommendations.

Additionally, and at risk of speculating, I believe that through the process Kymberly mentored another lawyer on her team: sharing responsibility and teaching by example. Her temperament, friendliness, and leadership will make working for her as a judicial clerk a very coveted position.

Since then, in my role as a Port Angeles city councilmember, I've had the opportunity to attend trainings that Kymberly has lead. She is well-versed in many subject areas and has the intellectual curiosity to care deeply about applying the law judiciously in all cases big and small.

She has a deep commitment to public service and being involved in bettering the community, and perhaps that was also helpful in us finding common ground and perspective so easily, even though we first met as opposing counsel. I am thankful for her committed work for gender justice with Legal Voice.

I do not know the other applicants for these appointments. I do know that Congress and the White House will improve the quality of the federal judiciary by appointing Kymberly Evanson.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin  
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