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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Nathan Williams
(via email: nathan_williams@kennedy.senate.gov)

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham and Mr. Williams:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Darrel J. Papillion who has been nominated to become a Federal District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I have been practicing law in the New Orleans, Louisiana metropolitan area, since 1981. I have known Darrel since approximately 2004. Since he was a young lawyer, Darrel had been involved in many Louisiana State Bar activities, so during my tenure as President of the Louisiana State Bar during 2007-2008, I appointed Darrel to our Board of Governors. Darrel remained active in Louisiana Bar Association activities and as a result of his work and dedication to our Bar, he was elected President of our Bar during 2016-2017. He served admirably in that position during his tenure.

Darrel is a seasoned trial attorney and has become a well respected litigator, not only in southeast Louisiana, but in the entire state. Darrel also has an excellent representation for both ethics and professionalism, among both the Bench and Bar in Louisiana. He has volunteered and given a lot to the law profession in Louisiana.

I am confident that Darrel possesses the scholarship, integrity and professionalism to serve in the Federal Judiciary. I also think that Darrel's personality and demeanor will contribute to the judicial temperament necessary for him to serve as District Judge.

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With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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