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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am proud to write in support of the nomination of Justice Adrienne Nelson to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

During my six years on the staff of then Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and my twelve years on the staff of former United States Senator Gordon Smith, I had the privilege of interviewing and vetting many candidates for nomination to the federal bench. I can say without hesitation that Justice Nelson is a nominee of superior qualifications, who any President—Democrat or Republican—would have been proud to nominate.

As a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge and as Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court—the first Black woman to ever serve on that court—Justice Nelson earned a sterling reputation for her work ethic, her intelligence, and her integrity.

Adrienne's nomination is strongly supported by members of the Oregon State Bar and those who practice in front of the federal bench. If confirmed, she will continue to be a pathbreaker, as she would be the first Black woman ever to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

Quite simply, Justice Nelson is one of the finest individuals I know, and there are countless other Oregonians who would make the same statement. I urge her confirmation, so she can bring her remarkable skills to the federal bench.

Sincerely,

Kerry Tymchuk  
Boyle Family Executive Director  
Oregon Historical Society