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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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September 30, 2022,

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my support of President Biden's nomination of Justice Adrienne Nelson to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. I have known Justice Nelson for a decade and support her nomination without reservation. While CEO of the Oregon Community Foundation, I had the opportunity to work closely with Justice Nelson, both while she was on the trial bench and since her appointment to the Oregon Supreme Court. My assessment of Justice Nelson's qualifications is also informed by my experience as an attorney and as a former Republican state legislator.

I have observed her professional commitment to fairness and justice, her demeanor, and her ability to work with others who share differing points of view. I have also seen firsthand Justice Nelson's deep commitment to community. She plays an active role in a number of organizations in efforts to improve and increase opportunities for all Oregonians. She is an excellent example of being engaged in the community while promoting the Court's values. She has done this while always maintaining the appropriate level of decorum, impartiality, and the dignity becoming of a member of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Justice Nelson's experience overcoming obstacles throughout her life has shown her the importance of applying the law justly and fairly. These real-life experiences have increased her respect for the role that judges play and the impact it has on the lives of real people and organizations as they appear before the bench. It is this practical experience, both through her own background, her time as a practicing attorney, and her time as a judge, that make her so well suited for the federal bench.

Trust, it is said, is a combination of character and competence. I am firmly convinced that Justice Nelson has both the character and the competence to be an extraordinary Judge for the District Court of Oregon and believe she is deserving of our trust.

I strongly urge that you confirm the President's nomination in her favor.

Sincerely,



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