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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in strong support of President Biden's nomination of Vermont Supreme Court Justice Beth Robinson to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Justice Robinson will serve with the intelligence, wisdom, and humility that you have come to expect of the "Vermont seat" on the Second Circuit.

I served as the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont from 2015 through 2017. In the years prior to entering public service, I had an active appellate practice, appearing before Justice Robinson and her colleagues on the Vermont Supreme Court on many occasions. I was also privileged to know and work closely with Vermont's last three Second Circuit judges – Judge James Oakes, Judge Fred Parker, and Judge Peter Hall. Based on my experience with all of them, I can say without reservation that Justice Robinson is one of the finest Vermont jurists of my generation or the three prior.

Each time I prepared to argue a case before the Vermont Supreme Court during Justice Robinson's tenure, I asked myself: "What will Beth want to know?" She was invariably the most prepared and most insightful member of an excellent Court, asking questions that went to

the heart of each case. She then decided every one of those cases based on an impartial application of the law to the record evidence. Whether my client won or lost, I came away confident that our position had been given a fair shake by a brilliant jurist who respected both the power of the judiciary and its limits.

Of course, Justice Robinson would also bring to the federal appellate bench an unmatched commitment to civil rights that is evident in her lived experience, her advocacy work prior to her appointment to the Vermont Supreme Court, and her judicial record. It is for this reason, as much as any other, that she is exactly the right person to serve on the Second Circuit.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Justice Robinson's nomination. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Miller".

Eric Miller, Esq.
SVP and General Counsel
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