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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

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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

My name is Father Leonard Kraus, S.J. I am Associate Director of Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, Louisiana. I am writing to recommend **Mr. Darrel Papillion**, who has been nominated as a Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Manresa House of Retreats is a place where those who come have the opportunity to spend some days in reflection and prayer as they seek to deepen their commitment to their call to service of God and their calling in life. Darrel has made retreats here for many years, and in that context, I have come to know him as a man of integrity and commitment to the good of all those he serves and works with. I know him to be a loving and dedicated father and friend to many in the community.

It is an honor to recommend **Darrel Papillion** to you and I can assure you that, as a man of such honesty and integrity, he will serve well as Judge of this Court. Thank you for the opportunity to make this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or if I can be of further help or assistance.

Sincerely,

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