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Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
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United States Senate
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Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

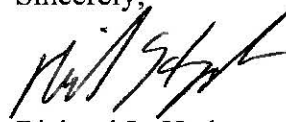
I write to endorse the nomination of Sarah E. Geraghty to be a United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.¹ I have known Ms. Geraghty for the last decade but have been familiar with her reputation and good works in our state and region for far longer. She has distinguished herself with a high level of professional accomplishment and appropriate temperament, qualities crucial for a lifetime appointment.

I have been a Georgia peace officer for 42 years, including service as a City of Atlanta police officer and chief investigator for Republican and Democrat attorneys general. For the last few years, I have investigated misconduct in our state's judicial system leading to the removal of over five dozen judges. I know well the good character and temperament needed of someone who will serve as a judicial officer. Ms. Geraghty possesses such attributes.

I first met Sarah Geraghty in the records room of a south Georgia courthouse when I was there investigating a judge. Unknown to me, she was there examining the same judge. The judge was removed, and Ms. Geraghty filed a class action suit, recovering over \$100,000 which the judge had illegally taken from her clients.

Ms. Geraghty has a deep commitment to the rule of law. I have complete confidence that she will interpret the law as written, and will do equal justice to all who come before her.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Hyde

¹ I am not writing in my capacity as a member of the Georgia Board of Public Safety or as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia.