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The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sent via email to Phil Brest, Phillip_Brest@judiciary-dem.senate.gov and Brendan Chestnut, Brendan_Chestnut@judiciary-rep.senate.gov

Re: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of Hon. Colleen Lawless Nominee for the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to support and recommend Judge Colleen Lawless to serve as a federal judge on the United State District Court for the Central District of Illinois.


We each have served as colleagues of Judge Lawless in the 7th Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Since Judge Lawless has been on the bench, we have shared courtrooms, court dockets, staff and office space with her and are in a uniquely suitable position to assess the qualities that make her an exceptional candidate for serving on the United States District Court.

In the time Judge Lawless has been on the bench, she has demonstrated a depth and breadth of knowledge unsurpassed by any. Working in this small legal community we are all called upon to handle a wide range of legal issues. Judge Lawless is no exception to this requirement. On any given day she may be called upon to handle and rule upon diverse legal subject matter. It is not unusual to hear civil litigation in the morning and a criminal docket in the afternoon. This engenders a flexibility of thought necessary for sitting on the federal bench.

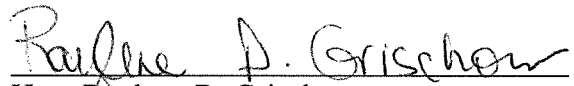
Judge Lawless is intelligent and hardworking, knows the law and maintains a high ethical standard. We have all come to depend on her in our own practice in this courthouse. She is steady under pressure and treats all with respect and dignity but always acts with integrity and good judgement. She is stern and unmovable when needed and kind and compassionate when that is more appropriate.

Most importantly, she is the consummate team player. She is always willing to fill in at need and be there when called upon to help or make hard decisions. Judge Lawless is an asset and will be sorely missed by all upon her appointment. Her appointment as District Court Judge will allow her to continue to positively impact our community and make a difference to the lives of those we serve here in central Illinois. It is our humble opinion that there is not a better choice available for appointment to this position.

Sincerely,



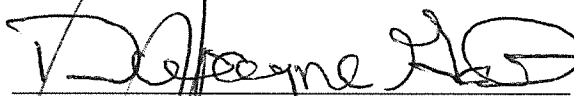
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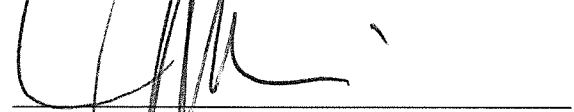
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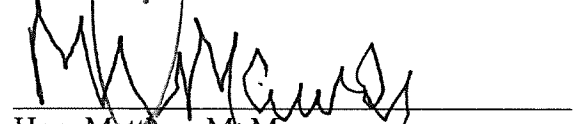
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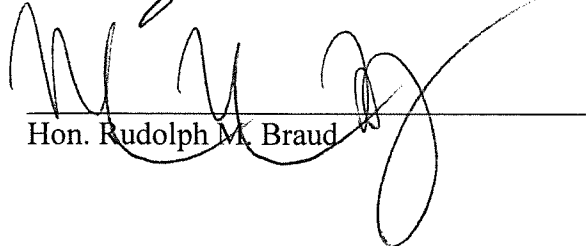
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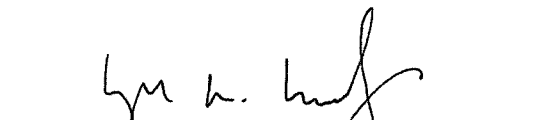
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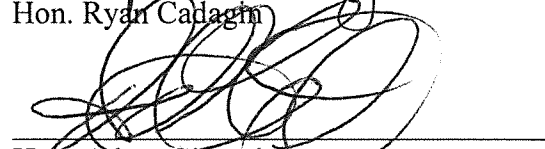
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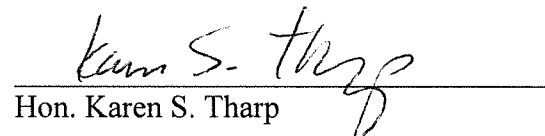
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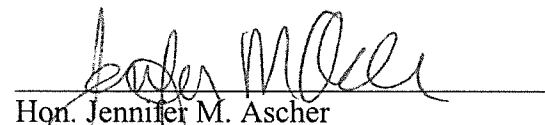
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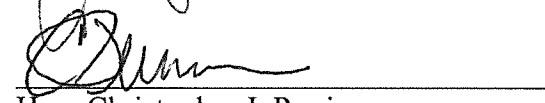
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