

The Honorable Richard Durbin
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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
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152 Dirksen Senate Office
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July 5, 2022

Re: Hon. Doris L. Pryor, nominee to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Hon. Doris L. Pryor to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to recommend her confirmation by the United States Senate.

Judge Pryor currently serves as a Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, ably performing the many and diverse duties of a magistrate judge, receiving very favorable reviews from the bench and bar for her work in that job. She is known in our legal community to manage her docket well, to be a careful listener and thinker, to be civil and respectful to the lawyers and litigants before her, and to be decisive and clear in her explanations of her decisions; in other words, she is known to be a very good judge.

Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Pryor had a wide range of life and legal experiences which prepared her well for serving in the judiciary. After law school graduation, she served as a law clerk, first for a federal trial judge and then for a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She spent the next decade as a litigator, first as a public defender in Arkansas, then as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana. In these jobs, she demonstrated the wide range of skills required of a litigator at the trial and appellate levels, and she excelled at all of them.

As former members of the Indiana state and federal judiciary, we strongly believe that it is important for a judicial officer to remain active in the broader legal community, in part so that the judge does not become too isolated, and in part so

the bar and aspiring lawyers can fully appreciate the contributions that judges make to our legal system.

Judge Pryor has continuously performed important community service over and above her day-to-day work. Through her involvement with Goodwill Education Initiatives and Just the Beginning Foundation, and as a family sponsor for the Horizons academic enrichment program, a Sunday School teacher and youth leader at her church, and a kitchen service volunteer at the Horizon House, Judge Pryor has shown that her commitment to improving the lives of others is genuine and strong.

Judge Pryor also maintains active involvement in bar and Inn of Court organizations, is a frequent lecturer at Continuing Legal Education programs, and even finds time to teach on a variety of topics at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Judge Pryor has demonstrated the excellence of skills, a wide range of life and legal experiences, careful judgement and the qualities of character which will enable her to be an outstanding federal appellate judge.

We strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to review promptly Judge Pryor's nomination and vote to report it favorably so that the full Senate can vote to confirm her nomination to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. (Signatures affixed electronically with the permission of the signators.)

Sincerely,



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