

November 23, 2021

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

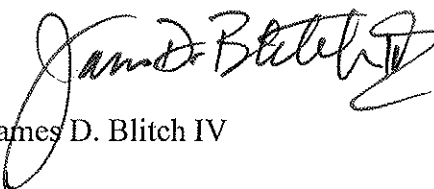
I write in support of Sarah Geraghty's nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. I know Sarah through the legal community here in Atlanta, where she is widely respected – for the depth of her integrity, talent, and experience. She has these qualities in equal measure. That she does explains why she would make a very fine district court judge. The excellent judges on the district court bench here in Atlanta would find in Sarah a first among equals, and those who appear before her would encounter a judge who knows how to follow the law carefully and administer justice with an even hand.

I have also observed Sarah's work up close. In 2016, we were co-counsel for Darrin Smith in the case of *State of Georgia v. Darrin Smith*, Superior Court of Barrow County, No. 97-CR-524-X. Mr. Smith was serving life without parole for a drug offense, and he was asking the same judge who sentenced him, eighteen years prior, to modify his sentence to time served, on grounds that his sentence was cruel and unusual punishment under both the U.S. Constitution and Georgia Constitution. Sarah handled the facts and the legal analysis with great skill, and her interactions with the judge and the prosecutor were appropriate in every way. Our efforts were successful, and a large reason was Sarah.

If confirmed, Sarah will make an outstanding district court judge. Her support among attorneys from all manner of viewpoints speaks to a career that has traveled many roads all leading to the same place: utmost respect for Sarah Geraghty.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Respectfully yours,



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