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April 14, 2023

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 John W. Perry, Jr. I have been a lawyer in Baton Rouge, Louisiana since 1978. I am the founding member of both my law firm (Perry, Balhoff, Mengis & Burns, LLC) as well as my mediation/arbitration firm (Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions).

Please accept this letter on behalf of Mr. Darrel J. Papillion. I understand that Darrel has been nominated to become a judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana, and I am happy to offer my unconditional endorsement.

I have had considerable contact with Darrel for over 25 years and have followed his entire career closely. Interestingly, as you know from his resume, he has been affiliated with Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions for a number of years. Accordingly, I have observed his unwavering commitment to his family, his Church, his clients and the profession. He is one of the finest and most respected members of our Bar. He has enjoyed great success while at the same time maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. I know of no judge or lawyer who does not share the same opinion of him. He is an outstanding selection and truly meets all the standards one would expect for a federal judgeship.

Please reach out to me directly if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information you may deem helpful.

Thanking you for your usual consideration, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Perry, Jr.*

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