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Senator Richard Durbin, Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-711  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-711  
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Re: Support for Kymberly Evanson as a United States District Court Judge

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I personally and enthusiastically endorse Kymberly Evanson for United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington. I am currently the general counsel for a national construction franchise, after spending nearly thirteen years in Washington litigating cases in both federal and state courts. I have known Mrs. Evanson for more than thirty years – long before either of us contemplated a career in law. During those thirty years, Mrs. Evanson has demonstrated an unwavering intellectual curiosity, fierce empathy, and a sincere desire to do what’s right – for her family, for her community, and for anyone lucky enough to know her. She will make an excellent federal district court judge.

From the first day I met Mrs. Evanson, she set herself apart from her peers because she always cared deeply about learning and understanding both the “what” and the “why” of a given subject. For her, school was never a means to an end, but an opportunity to become a better, more fully developed person, that could affect the world in a positive way. I always marveled how Mrs. Evanson found time to excel at school, while also volunteering at local food banks and homeless shelters. Or, before she even decided to attend law school, Mrs. Evanson found time in college to assist those without the means or ability to access the courts.

As a lawyer, Mrs. Evanson is known for her ability to distill issues and explain them clearly, cogently, and with precision. In fact, I sent Mrs. Evanson the first draft of my law school essay, which she improved dramatically. When I’m struggling with a complex federal court issue, she is the first person I call. Mrs. Evanson notices the smaller, important details, and addresses factual and legal nuances in cases that others avoid or simply miss altogether. Her analysis and legal writing are impeccable, as is her professionalism both on the page and within the courtroom. I know that even as an associate attorney, Mrs. Evanson’s law firms relied on her drafting, analysis, and oratory skills in nearly all complex and high-profile cases.

My endorsement of Mrs. Evanson, however, stems more from the person I know outside of work. Mrs. Evanson is a loving mother; a caring spouse; and someone that cares deeply about her community. She sets a high bar for herself, both personally and professionally, and I expect her patient and thorough temperament will be a boon for all those that work for and with her.

I sincerely hope and recommend that the Committee confirms Kymberly Evanson as a United States District Court judge.

Yours Truly,

*Jonathan McQuade*