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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Re: Letter of Support for the Honorable Maame E. Frimpong, Nominee for the U.S.
District Court for the Central District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Please accept this letter as my highest and strongest endorsement of Judge Maame Frimpong for an appointment to the United States District Court (Central District of California). I consider it both an honor and privilege to write to you about Maame because she is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Federal District Court. Maame is a remarkable jurist who is immensely talented and gifted in terms of fairness, objectivity, interpretation of case precedent, and statutory construction.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Maame since she was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) in 2016. I recall the first time I met Maame was at a lunch where she displayed her charming, engaging, and wonderful personality. Right away, I could see that she would be a terrific trial judge and she was someone with immense humility and integrity. Over the next few years, I had the opportunity to get to know Maame better and to personally observe her tremendous work ethic and her legal brilliance.

Maame is a fantastic legal writer and her opinions are always thorough, persuasive, and compelling. Her legal opinions are always balanced in considering both sides and she applies the legal principles and concepts that are applicable in a fair and objective manner. Her legal opinions demonstrate the excellent depth of understanding of the law and facts that are relevant to a given case. She is outstanding at legal research and her memory of legal cases, principles and theories are similar to an encyclopedia because it is so concise, well-organized, correct, and "spot-on."

I had been a civil litigation attorney for nearly 19 years before I became a judge and I have now served on the LASC for nearly 19 years also. During my nearly 38 years of legal experience, Maame is one of the most talented, gifted, and accomplished trial judges that I have had the pleasure of knowing and observing. She has an amazing work ethic as well as an immense dedication to making the right and correct decision based upon the applicable law and facts, which is one of the many hallmarks of a

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successful trial judge. She shows no bias nor prejudice when deciding cases and she is respectful to everyone who appears before her or works with her.

One of Maame's greatest strengths is that she has that rare ability to explain the most difficult and complex legal principles and concepts in simple and easy to understand terms. This is reflected in her legal opinions and is very apparent when you spend time, as I have, talking with her about cases and statutes. She has an incredible reputation among her colleagues as someone who is dependable, always helpful, and readily volunteers to do extra work and assignments. She makes everyone around her better due to her immense legal skills and abilities and her terrific personality.

When I became the Presiding Judge for the LASC in 2019, I put Maame on my leadership team as one of the Assistant Supervising Judges (ASJ) of the Criminal Division. The LASC is the largest trial court system in the nation and the criminal division, with over 250 courtrooms, is the largest criminal division in the state of California and in our country. It was an easy decision and one of the best decisions that I made by putting Maame in a leadership position on our Court. Her kindness, understanding, and legal training and teaching abilities made her an excellent choice for court leadership. Since the criminal division is the largest on our Court, most of our new judges are assigned to the criminal division. One of Maame's assignments as the criminal ASJ was to train new judges about criminal law and procedure, court operations, civility, judicial demeanor, and temperament. Maame has been phenomenal in the assistant supervising judge of criminal role, which has in my humble opinion, resulted in the LASC being a better court, and our criminal judges being, "...the best of the best."

One of the admirable qualities of Maame is her overwhelming commitment to diversity and inclusion. She is involved in community outreach via our Court's community outreach committee, in law schools, colleges, and high schools. She is also a member of our Judicial Mentor Program where judges act as mentors for attorneys who want to become a judge. Moreover, she participates in our "power lunch program" where she mentors female high school students. Despite the heavy responsibilities of being a trial judge and supervising judge, Maame always finds time to give back to the local community and to mentor others, including new judges, attorneys, as well as college and high school students. Maame is simply awesome!!

In closing, Maame is a tremendously talented and gifted trial judge, who is one of the very best trial judges I have had the privilege of knowing during my 38 years of legal experience. Her superior legal abilities and talents will make her an exemplary district court trial judge and she will serve as a role model and mentor for others who want to serve on the federal bench. Without any hesitation and without any doubt whatsoever, I strongly urge you to approve Maame's appointment to the federal district court because you and our country will be served well by her and she will make us all proud.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me by phone or email.

Very truly yours,



KEVIN C. BRAZILE

Judge

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