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Dear Senators,

It is my understanding that the Honorable Robert Kirsch is being considered for the position of United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Please accept this letter as my whole hearted endorsement of Judge Kirsch for that position.

I previously served as a United States Magistrate Judge in New Jersey from 1993 to 2000, and then as a United States District Judge from 2000 to 2014, at which time I retired from the bench. During much of this time, Robert, then serving as an Assistant United States Attorney, appeared before me on numerous occasions.

The vast majority of AUSA's who appeared in my Court and who I came to know are fine attorneys demonstrating honesty and integrity. I found Judge Kirsch to be at the very top of the list. He treated his colleagues, the Court and his adversaries with honesty and civility in

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every matter he handled. He consistently demonstrated fairness and evenhandedness on behalf of the government while vigorously pursuing both Civil and Criminal matters on behalf of the government. He will ensure that all those who appear before him will be treated fairly irrespective of their background or their station in life.

In addition to his integrity and high ethical standards, he also was an outstanding litigator. He was always prepared and demonstrated his skills and knowledge of the law. In my 21 years on the bench, I cannot think of a more professional or better prepared attorney who appeared in my Court.

I believe the Federal Judiciary, the State of New Jersey and the citizens of the United States will be served well if Judge Kirsch is given the opportunity to serve as Judge of the United States District Court. I cannot think of a finer candidate or a finer person. I highly recommend him for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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