

November 23, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

We write in strong support of Julia Kobick's nomination to serve as District Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Each of us served with Julie as a law clerk at the United States Supreme Court during the October Term 2012, when Julie clerked for the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We hold a diverse range of political and jurisprudential views. We currently serve in positions spanning public service, private practice, business, and academia. But, with respect to Julie, we are unified in our belief that Julie has the intellect, temperament, judgment, and experience to serve with distinction as a United States District Court judge.

We know from firsthand experience that Julie has the intellect, temperament, and judgment to excel as a District Judge. During our Supreme Court Term, we worked with Julie on some of the most important and contentious issues of the day. Indeed, over the last 15 years, no Term has seen a higher rate of 5-4 decisions than ours. Through it all, Julie remained an exceptional colleague, assessing cases dispassionately and working collaboratively across chambers and the ideological spectrum. Her keen intellect and grasp of the law were always evident, but so too were her humility and open-mindedness. She listened intently to others and carefully considered their views, even when she ultimately disagreed with their positions. To put it simply, Julie was the rare colleague whose intellectual firepower was matched by her exceptional warmth, kindness, and generosity. We have no doubt that Julie will take the same attitude and approach to the bench, affording all parties appearing before her a fair hearing, and treating them with kindness and respect.

Since our time as co-clerks, Julie has distinguished herself as an exceptional and respected public servant and advocate. Julie's dedication to public service is especially noteworthy. Julie has spent her entire post-clerkship career with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. There, she has served as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy State Solicitor, litigating a wide range of cases in both federal and state courts. Julie's intelligence, kindness, and dedication to

her work have earned her enormous respect within that Office, as well as with lawyers with whom she has interacted throughout the Massachusetts legal community.

For all of these reasons, we applaud Julie's nomination, and we hope the Senate will promptly confirm her.

Sincerely,

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