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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for the Confirmation of Sarah E. Geraghty to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As Kilpatrick Townsend partners who have worked extensively with Sarah E. Geraghty over the past two decades, we write to express our enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Ms. Geraghty to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Kilpatrick Townsend has served as litigation co-counsel with the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR) many times throughout Ms. Geraghty's career. The undersigned attorneys have worked closely with Ms. Geraghty in several of those cases, including in class action cases. At every stage of the litigation process, Ms. Geraghty consistently has displayed uncanny intelligence, unwavering compassion, and unimpeachable professionalism.

As an international law firm with a wide-ranging litigation practice that includes intellectual property matters and complex commercial disputes (including before the Northern District of Georgia), Kilpatrick Townsend has a keen interest in ensuring the highest level of competence, fairmindedness, and diligence in the federal judiciary. We have no doubt that Ms. Geraghty would contribute significantly as a judge because of her extraordinary work ethic, character, legal acumen, and integrity. We also have no doubt that she would be a fair and neutral adjudicator in all types of cases, civil or criminal. Ms. Geraghty's thoughtfulness and attention to detail will benefit all parties, no matter which side of the "v." they may be on in any specific case.

We recently worked directly with Ms. Geraghty over several years in a federal class action that resulted in a comprehensive settlement agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections. While Ms. Geraghty never compromised her zealous advocacy on behalf of her clients, she always treated every person involved with the utmost respect and dignity, and approached conflicts between the parties with flexibility and an open mind. The parties reached an amicable resolution in large part because Ms. Geraghty understood the difficulties and

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complex problems that prison officials must navigate every day. She consistently explored and proposed creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

In addition to being a skilled litigator with decades of experience in both federal and state court, Ms. Geraghty also would bring to the bench her unique background as an attorney who simultaneously secured both her law degree and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan, as well as her teaching experience as an adjunct professor at the Emory School of Law and the Georgia State University College of Law. She also has had the recent experience of being a wife and mother whose physician husband spent most of the past two years at the front line of battling the pandemic. Moreover, as a result of the five years she has spent as Managing Attorney of SCHR's Impact Litigation Unit, Ms. Geraghty would be able to seamlessly transition to the management role required of a federal district court judge.

When Georgia's primary legal publication (the *Daily Report*) recognized Ms. Geraghty as Georgia's "Attorney of the Year" in 2020, it noted that she had been identified as an "On the Rise" Georgia attorney fourteen years earlier. All of us who have worked with Ms. Geraghty over the years fully agree she has been an extraordinary lawyer throughout her career. And anyone who has litigated with or against Ms. Geraghty knows she will be careful, thorough, and fair.

We wholeheartedly support Ms. Geraghty's confirmation and have no doubt that she will serve with distinction. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Best regards,

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