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Chair Dick Durbin
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Ranking Member Chuck Grassley
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write in my capacity as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in support of the appointment of Mrs. Kymberly Evanson to the United States District Court Bench as a Judge for the Western District of Washington. The news of Mrs. Evanson's potential appointment is met with excitement and encouragement.

Mrs. Evanson has an impressive legal career and I admire her ability to engage in complex municipal law, public policy, and litigation while also providing pro bono services to under-represented populations.

I worked with Mrs. Evanson while she represented incarcerated clients while volunteering as pro bono counsel for the Seattle Clemency Project. Many of the cases assigned to the Seattle Clemency Project involve clemency or cases identified as appropriate for resentencing. Mrs. Evanson served as pro bono counsel for a case that my office, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, had identified as one in which we no longer believed in the sentence. The case was one in which the sentence was life without the possibility of parole under the "Three Strikes" law which has since been amended. Mrs. Evanson represented one of the few women in Washington State to have received a life without the possibility of parole sentence under the "Three Strikes" law at the time.

As the resentencing prosecutor, I was impressed with Mrs. Evanson's ability to grasp complex sentencing laws related to an old criminal case as well as criminal procedure. I was also impressed with Mrs. Evanson's integrity, professionalism, and willingness to collaborate. It was clear that Mrs. Evanson's goal was to reach an outcome that was balanced and consistent with

the interest of justice while preserving her client's human dignity. My interaction with Mrs. Evanson has shown me that she takes her oath seriously and is a responsible leader who has personal standards and values that guide her conscious.

I enthusiastically support Mrs. Kymberly Evanson to be appointed as a Judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Sincerely,

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