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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

By way of introduction, I am Lawrence J. Centola, Jr. and have been a practicing attorney in New Orleans for fifty-one years. I am writing in support of Darrel J. Papillion, who has been nominated to become a judge for the Easter District of Louisiana, a court where I practice.


I first met Darrel many years ago when he became a lawyer with a Baton Rouge Law Firm where my high school classmate and good friend was a member. I later had the opportunity to work with him when I chaired and he vice-chaired the Alumni annual fund drive for our alma mater, the LSU Law School.

Unfortunately, we both experienced a personal life tragedy during which we communicated on a personal level.

As he is a past president of the Louisiana Bar Association, I know him to have the highest moral, ethical, and professional standings, and will be an outstanding addition to that bench.

Please feel free to have any of your staff contact me.

Very Truly Yours,



Lawrence J. Centola, Jr.