

February 4, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC

Re: Nomination of Nina Morrison to be United States District Judge

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

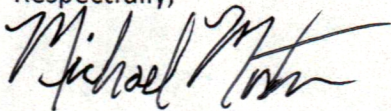
I spent about 25 years in the Texas penitentiary for murdering my wife -- a crime I did not commit. During years of post-conviction investigation to prove my innocence, Nina Morrison was the lead attorney from the Innocence Project who worked tirelessly on my behalf. In 2011, after eight years of brutal litigation, I was fully exonerated, thanks to new DNA evidence. That DNA evidence not only led to my exoneration, but it also identified the actual murderer of my wife. Nina Morrison stood by my side as we then worked with law enforcement to prosecute and ultimately convict that person. Needless to say, I have a perspective on Nina Morrison few others possess.

We need our judicial system. Nina Morrison has lived with the system's strengths, its weaknesses, and its impact on people's lives. The Innocence Project is about getting it right. And so is Nina Morrison. She has dedicated her life to getting it right. I know. What better attribute can a United States District Judge have than that?

Nina Morrison's career as a litigator is impeccable. Her courtroom experience is stellar. And her adherence to the Constitution is resolute.

As a conservative Republican from Texas, I ask you to please seriously consider and confirm her.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Morton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M".

Michael Morton

cc: Senator John Cornyn
Senator Ted Cruz