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

The Honorable Linsey Graham
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

My name is Michael A. Patterson. I practice law in Baton Rouge Louisiana as a member of Long Law Firm, LLP. I have been a lawyer since 1971.

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of the nomination of Darrel Papillion to become a Judge in the Eastern District of Louisiana. I have known Darrel since the mid-1990s when he was a law clerk for a Justice on the Louisiana Supreme Court. He then worked as a lawyer at McGlinchey Stafford in its New Orleans Office for several years. He then became associated with a firm in Baton Rouge where he has been practicing since 1999.

I have had numerous opportunities to observe Mr. Papillion professionally and can unequivocally state he is an extremely talented lawyer who is well respected for his abilities and professionalism. He has devoted significant time to giving back to the profession including serving as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

I can wholeheartedly, without any hesitation, state that, if confirmed, he will be an excellent addition to the Bench.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Patterson

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