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The Honorable Richard Durbin Chair Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Charles Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Incoming Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

> Re: Nomination of Robert A. Kirsch to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Incoming Ranking Member Graham:

We are members in good standing of the New Jersey bar and that of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. We are trial lawyers with long experience as criminal defense counsel in federal and state cases in New Jersey. We write in strong support of the nomination of Robert A. Kirsch to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Judge Kirsch currently serves as a Judge of the Union County (New Jersey) Superior Court and previously served the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney in both civil and criminal cases. His credentials are impeccable. Beyond his resume, however, our experience with and personal knowledge of Judge Kirsch convinces us that he possesses the judgment, temperament, and character to be a worthy addition to the federal bench. His tenure will be marked by distinction that will justify the confidence of the President in nominating him and the support of you and your colleagues who favor his confirmation. As criminal defense counsel, we look forward to appearing before Judge Kirsch knowing that he will exercise fairness to both prosecution and defense in equal measure.

Consequently, we request that the Committee and full Senate promptly review and

confirm his nomination.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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