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Via U.S. Mail

Senator Richard Durbin, Chairman
Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-711 Hart
Senate Office Building, SH-135
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Kymberly Evanson as a United States District Court Judge

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to enthusiastically support the nomination of Kymberly Evanson for appointment to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. As a career litigator who has appeared before a great number of judges, I have a sense of what makes an effective jurist from the perspective of both the lawyer and client. I believe that Ms. Evanson has the keen intelligence, insight, integrity, endurance, and professional standards to become an outstanding judge. I also believe that she deeply respects the judicial system and its members and will be a dedicated and resourceful colleague. I could not recommend her more highly.

Ms. Evanson and I come from different sides of the litigation “v.” Ms. Evanson was my opposing counsel in two class action cases in the past few years, in which I represented classes of people with mobility disabilities who sought remediation of accessibility barriers in the pedestrian rights of way in the City of Seattle and the City of Portland, and Ms. Evanson represented both cities. In my three decades of practice, I have solely represented plaintiffs in civil rights and other public interest class actions. I have dealt with a vast number of opposing counsel over these thirty-plus years, and I say unequivocally that Ms. Evanson is one of my opposing counsel that I respect the most. I had prior class actions involving similar pedestrian right of way disability access claims where opposing counsel aggressively litigated what was ultimately for them a losing case that cost their clients huge amounts of money and sowed distrust and ill-will. Ms. Evanson, on the other hand, took a problem-solving approach from the beginning of her involvement in both cases that was reasonable, creative, professional, respectful, and served both her clients’ interests and the interests of those cities’ residents and visitors by saving time and money and building relationships between the parties.

This is not to suggest that Ms. Evanson is a “softie.” To the contrary, she is strong, but respectful and reasonable. She is analytical, well-spoken, clear, and direct, and very hard working. She can assess situations quickly and figure out how to resolve them in a productive

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way. In short, she has tremendous decision-making skills. She also has great integrity, focus, and energy.

Another thing that impresses me about Ms. Evanson is her dedication to the public interest. While she has been a defense lawyer for some time, she also devoted a considerable amount of her talent and skills to doing pro bono work to advance civil liberties, freedom, and fairness.

In short, I believe that Kymberly Evanson would be a phenomenal judge, and I strongly urge the Committee to approve her nomination to the United States District Court. If I can be of any further assistance in helping you to evaluate Ms. Evanson's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Dardarian".

Linda M. Dardarian