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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

As Justice Nelson's colleagues on the Oregon Supreme Court, we write in full support of her nomination to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

Justice Nelson has a keen mind and a remarkable ability to review and recall the facts of each case. She views those facts objectively and then fairly and impartially applies the law. Justice Nelson makes decisions with confidence but is open to different perspectives.

On the bench, Justice Nelson listens thoughtfully and asks challenging questions. In her opinion work, Justice Nelson is dedicated to producing clear and timely decisions. In addition to her role in deciding appellate cases, Justice Nelson enthusiastically takes on extra projects for the benefit of the bench, the bar, and the community as a whole. And on a personal level, we know Justice Nelson as a happy, spirited colleague and as a wonderfully warm and caring person.

Although we each come from differing backgrounds, and although we do not always agree on the results that we reach in the cases that come before us, we are unanimous in voicing our opinion that Justice Nelson will make an excellent addition to the federal bench. We recommend her without reservation, although the federal judiciary's gain will be our personal and professional loss.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Walters  
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Thomas A. Balmer  
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Justice

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