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Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write in unqualified support for U.S. Senate confirmation of the nomination of our law partner, Kymberly Evanson, to serve as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. As the managing partner of her Seattle law firm, I believe I have a unique perspective on her qualifications, character and disposition.

My experience with Ms. Evanson spans her entire career in private practice. Prior to co-founding our firm some twelve years ago now, many of us practiced at the Seattle office of a large international firm that had merged with our former Seattle-based legacy firm. Ms. Evanson was an associate lawyer at our former firm at the time and among a handful of younger lawyers we had prioritized for recruitment to our new venture. She joined us in our first week on our own. As we are a mid-sized firm, I am well familiar with the skills and potential of all of our younger lawyers and am pleased to report that Ms. Evanson always has been among our best and brightest. She relatively rapidly became a salaried partner and more recently joined the ownership of the firm as an equity partner. Ms. Evanson is an active and engaged partner here at Pacifica. The firm matters to her and her influence grows yearly. She is a delightful colleague, an effective mentor internally and always a "go-to" choice for our clients seeking litigation support from our firm.

Pacifica Law Group enjoys an estimable reputation in our region for the highly sophisticated work we do in public finance, complex litigation, including a notable appellate practice, high end real estate and other disciplines. While we are honored to serve wide variety of public and private clients, we have a particular and well-regarded focus on work for public entities. Many

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of Ms. Evanson's major matters have been on behalf of public and nonprofit clients for whom she frequently has achieved outstanding results in active, often high profile litigation. She has routinely been selected as among the leading lawyers in our region in peer surveys. Our firm also actively encourages our lawyers to give back to the community. Ms. Evanson has contributed significant time to numerous civic and pro bono endeavors, including bar and community groups, and the direct representation of low-income individuals. As a member of the group Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle ("MAMA Seattle"), Ms. Evanson has mentored young women lawyers in learning how to balance family and professional commitments. Being a partner in a majority woman owned law firm with a growing family of her own, she has particular credibility in that regard.

As I think about lawyers of her generation more broadly, she stands out as someone who quite predictably would become a highly esteemed jurist. She clearly has the intellect, excellent judgment, commitment to fairness and accessible persona that any litigant would hope for in court. She also would do her homework on any case while demonstrating well-informed decisiveness when timely.

In short, for all these reasons, I highly commend her to you and your colleagues. While we will miss her greatly were she to be confirmed, we also will celebrate her commitment to public service and expect to continue to be proud to have contributed to her preparation for a distinguished career on the Federal bench.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions you, your colleagues or staff may have regarding her nomination. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,



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cc: Honorable Patty Murray, U.S.S.
Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S.S.



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