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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As Presiding Elder of the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District in the Virginia Conference of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, I am honored to write this letter in support of Jamar K. Walker, who President Biden has nominated for a federal judgeship on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Even before becoming Presiding Elder 16 years ago, I knew Jamar K. Walker, Esq. when he was a youth. He comes from a very respectful family. I know his parents well.

As a member of Gaskins Chapel A. M. E. Church, Jamar, served in the Youth Choir, Junior Usher Board, and Adult Choir. He displayed his leadership abilities as President of the Young People's Division of the Esther L. Beckett Area which includes other churches in addition to his own. Jamar participated in the Oratory Contest in the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District and was declared the winner of the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District. Everyone always enjoyed hearing him. His brilliant skills led him to college and then to Law School. We are so proud of him. In 2013 his home Church, Gaskins Chapel, awarded him with a "Man of Distinction Award."

Attorney Jamar K. Walker, Esq. is honest, well-rounded, committed, dependable, competent, self-confident, and resourceful. He is able to cope with a variety of situations and meet challenges and address concerns with dignity, tact, fairness, professionalism, and sincerity. Truly, he is a positive role model for teens and young adults of his church and the community at large.

Therefore, I am proud to recommend Attorney Jamar K. Walker, Esq., a lawyer of great integrity and a "Model of Excellence", who is capable and able to rise to the occasion and be a judge that all of us will be proud of. What a day of rejoicing it will be to hear the name of the Honorable Jamar K. Walker, as he walks in the courtroom wearing his judicial robe and the law clerk says, "Let us all stand. The court is now in session with the Honorable Judge Jamar K. Walker, presiding." The Eastern District of Virginia will benefit from his service. I ask the Senate to vote in his favor.

Sincerely,

Rev. Chester W. Morris, Presiding Elder

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