The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Room S-221, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Room S-230, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

During my twenty-two years as Associate Justice on the Vermont Supreme Court, I had the privilege to serve with many good justices, ten in all, and many good minds. When Beth Robinson joined me on the court in 2011, I met a great person with a great legal mind. She is an amazing jurist and very good, decent person.

No justice prepared more diligently and thoroughly for each case that came before us. Her work ethic is a beautiful thing. Her analysis often made me look harder at a discrete piece of the appellate case and modify or change my view. She would poke me with logic and precedent and ease any doubt I had that the result she championed was correct. And, if I disagreed, we remained strong colleagues and friends.

Beth never cut corners or skimmed the surface of a case. She did not waiver in following the rule of law to whatever outcome was demanded. She did not exceed her role as an appellate judge. Her presence on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals would add quality to the court's already sterling reputation. I support her nomination for your consideration.

Sinderely,

Marilyn Skoglund

Retired Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court