

August 3, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Robert S. Ballou for the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia

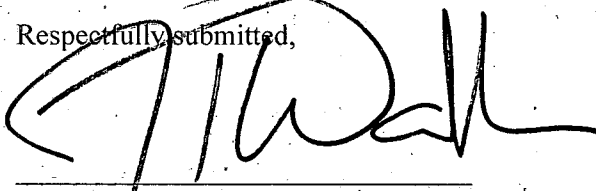
Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write this letter to express our support for the confirmation of Magistrate Judge Robert S. Ballou to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

We are all practicing lawyers in Richmond, Virginia and, among us, we have long known Magistrate Judge Ballou, personally or by reputation, as a jurist, a colleague, and as opposing counsel in litigation matters. We have known him to be a highly capable lawyer, a zealous advocate, and a fair, thoughtful, and well-prepared magistrate judge. He is highly regarded in the legal community and is known to conduct himself honestly and ethically in all of his affairs. Magistrate Judge Ballou is, in every respect, well-suited to serve as a district court judge.

We collectively believe that Magistrate Judge Ballou, if confirmed, will be an impartial, thoughtful, and reasoned jurist who will faithfully serve the court and the public. We urge you to advance his confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,



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