

October 7, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Sent via email to Phil Brest, Phillip_Brest@judiciary-dem.senate.gov and Brendan Chestnut, Brendan_Chestnut@judiciary-rep.senate.gov

Re: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of Hon. Daniel Calabretta, Nominee for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to support and recommend Judge Daniel Calabretta to serve as a federal judge on the District Court for the Eastern District of California.

We have each served as colleagues of Judge Calabretta in the Sacramento County Superior Court presiding over juvenile justice and juvenile dependency cases. Since Judge Calabretta has been on the bench, we have had courtrooms and offices down the hall from Judge Calabretta and are in a position to be able to speak to the qualities that make him an exceptional nominee for this position.

We have come to know Judge Calabretta as a deep thinker who in his years on the bench has been devoted to learning the laws that apply to the nuanced areas of child welfare and juvenile justice. He would often ask us for our understanding of the law as a way to check his own. It was not that he needed reassurance, but rather, that he truly values how others understand the law so that he could deepen his own understanding. He was quick to develop a deep understanding of the complex area of law and is now relied on to guide those of us who remain in the juvenile court to make lawful and fair decisions.

Those of us who have worked beside him know that he has earned and deserves the reputation that he has. He is humble and kind, intelligent and fair. He is efficient with his time on the bench. Judge Calabretta works hard and has good judgment. He is steady under pressure. He analyzes issues in a careful, balanced manner and provides thoughtful, well-reasoned decisions to litigants who appear before him. He acts with integrity, recognizes the humanity in all, and treats everyone with dignity and respect. This is who Judge Calabretta is as a human being and judge. We believe these traits will also help him excel on the federal bench.

In closing, we join together to give Judge Calabretta our highest recommendation. Those who come before him in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, will be appearing before a judge who is intelligent, efficient, and kind. We know he will give each case his full attention.

Sincerely,

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Associate Justice
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George Acero
Judge
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