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

Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in strong support of President Biden's nomination of Magistrate Judge Dana Douglas to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Douglas was a partner at one of New Orleans' most prominent firms, and she was regarded as a leader in the bar even before becoming a magistrate judge. In her time on the bench, she has impressed me with her demeanor, attention to detail, unquestioned fairness, and impeccable logic. As a regular practitioner in the Fifth Circuit, and having clerked there after I graduated law school many years ago, I know that Judge Douglas has the legal ability and temperament to be an outstanding appellate judge.

I have also worked with Judge Douglas in one of the city's largest bar associations, where she served as president. Aside from her leadership responsibilities, she was a frequent speaker at our continuing-education programs. Her organizational skills and speaking abilities are second to none.

I commend the President for selecting such a highly qualified nominee. I know that I speak for the New Orleans legal community when I say that we look forward to practicing before her.

Respectfully,



Thomas M. Flanagan