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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

My name is Lawrence J. Centola, III. I have been a lawyer in New Orleans, Louisiana since 2001 and I practice in front of the judges on the Eastern District of Louisiana on a regular basis.

I am currently the Treasurer of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Darrel J. Papillion. I was excited when I read that Darrel was nominated to become a judge on the Eastern District of Louisiana bench.

I have known Darrel for many years. He was a guest lecturer when I was in law school at Louisiana State University. I have served with him on various committees and boards in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Darrel is well respected and universally liked by the bench and bar. One would be hard pressed to find a lawyer in this state that had anything negative to say about Darrel. The New Orleans legal community looks forward to and is hopeful for his confirmation as his legal mind will be a great asset to the bench and the Louisiana public.

If I can be of assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

MARTZELL, BICKFORD & CENTOLA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LJC', is positioned above the typed name.

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cc: Nathan_Williams@Kennedy.senate.gov