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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are two elected District Attorneys serving in Oregon's Seventh Judicial District, and have had the privilege to work as public defenders prior to becoming District Attorneys. We are writing to support the nomination of Adrienne Nelson to the U.S. District Court for Oregon. Though we have not had the privilege of appearing before Justice Nelson in our courts, we know her by her reputation and through interactions with our colleagues from both the prosecution and defense bars.

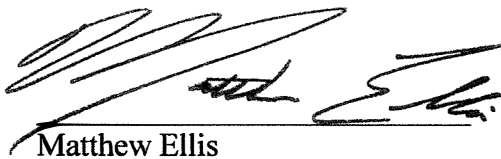
Justice Nelson was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court in January 2018 and elected to continue her service in November 2018. Her election in November 2018 made Justice Nelson the first African American woman to be elected statewide in Oregon. Prior to being elected to the Oregon Supreme Court, she served as a trial judge in Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon's busiest state court, beginning in 2006. At that time, she was only the second African American woman judge in Oregon. Like the two of us, Justice Nelson worked as a public defender earlier in her career. She has consistently brought much needed diversity to our Oregon justice system.

Beyond being a trailblazer as an African American woman in Oregon, Justice Nelson brings the needed credentials of public safety and fairness. She has a reputation as a strong legal mind, respected by prosecutors and defense attorneys alike. During her time at the trial court level, then Judge Nelson ran an efficient docket, and was even handed to both sides. She was a

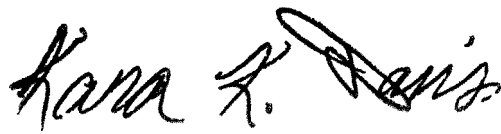
desired judge to handle the most difficult settlement conferences, because victims and defendants alike felt they had a voice with her. In a trial setting, attorneys knew her to be no nonsense when it came to the presentation of cases.

If confirmed for appointment to the U.S. District Court for Oregon, Justice Nelson will bring to the court impartiality, professionalism, fairness, and a commitment to justice, just as she has brought to the Oregon Supreme Court and Multnomah Circuit Court. We fully support her nomination.

Sincerely,

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