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Senate Judiciary Committee

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Dear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for your diligence in discharging your duties of Advice and Consent in the confirmation of judicial nominees to the federal bench. In the case of Lauren King, I strongly support a speedy confirmation to District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

As Chair of the Washington State Gambling Commission for the past five years, I have had the opportunity to come to know Commissioner King as a consummate professional that is not only always well prepared, but also engaged at a high level that belies the short period of time that we have had to work with her. In addition to the traditional duties as a commissioner, Lauren agreed to participate directly in tribal gaming compact amendments and her contributions were praised by both tribal and state negotiation teams.

The Washington State Gambling Commission is an accredited, limited-jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Through collaboration with local, state, federal, tribal and international law enforcement agencies, we work to fulfill our legislative declaration of: (1) Keeping the criminal element out of gambling, and (2) Promoting social welfare through strict regulation and control. Commissioner King's knowledge of the law at multiple jurisdictional levels has strongly benefitted both our policy and operational considerations and capabilities.

Lauren King has accomplished an incredible body of work, achieved amazing credentials, and has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside. Her demeanor, diligence and professionalism are what we should all strive for. Please consider my strong recommendation of Lauren King to serve as District Judge to benefit Western Washington and the entire United States.

Sincerely,



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