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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Judge Michelle Childs is one of the outstanding jurists of not only South Carolina, but the nation. Judge Childs is known for her thoughtfulness and decisiveness. She has been assigned some of the thorniest cases in the federal courts of South Carolina and has made hard decisions, but always after careful consideration.

Judge Childs issues rulings in a timely fashion. The parties do not have to wait to learn how to proceed, and Judge Childs carefully explains the reasoning for her decisions. Judge Childs is fair to all parties. Importantly, she treats lawyers and litigants with dignity and respect, while always demanding accountability.

Once they ascend to the bench, some judges become cloistered – not Judge Childs. She regularly participates in continuing legal education programs. Judge Childs gladly accepts almost every invitation issued by student groups and faculty at this law school. She welcomes law students to her chambers as interns to give them first hand experience in the workings of our legal system. She is known to be a thoughtful mentor to scores of law students and young lawyers. She never hesitates to give back and to lift others.

Judge Childs is a national leader. Her service as chair of the ABA Judicial Division was exemplary. Judge Childs is the President-Elect of the Federal Judges Association, further evidence of the esteem with which she is held by her colleagues. She is active in the work of the American Law Institute, having served as an advisor to *Restatement (Third) of Employment Law*.

Last spring, upon the approval of its Board of Trustees, the University of South Carolina bestowed upon Judge Childs the honorary Doctor of Public Service in recognition of her leadership in and service to the cause of justice and the rule of law. Her speech to university graduates challenged and inspired them.

Simply put, Judge Michelle Childs is a superb candidate for the D.C. Circuit. She is an outstanding judge and a tireless public servant. She exemplifies generosity of spirit, brings energy and leadership to the service of others, and is a role model for all.

This law school is immensely proud to count Judge Childs among our alumni. She will continue to elevate the justice system and the nation as an outstanding judge on the D.C. Circuit.

Respectfully,



William C. Hubbard
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