



May 16, 2022

Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: WSAJ Support for Tiffany Cartwright's Judicial Appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

Dear Chair Dick Durbin and Ranking Member Chuck Grassley:

The Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) writes in strong support of Tiffany Cartwright for appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. WSAJ's mission is to protect and defend individuals' Constitutional right to have their day in court and to ensure that access to justice is not impeded by an imbalance of power or resources. Our members strive to ensure that real people have a voice and representation in the courtroom and that our laws are applied fairly and protect people from harm. We fight to ensure that access to justice is available for everyone. These are key values in the judiciary, and we are certain that Ms. Cartwright would uphold these values.

You are undoubtedly aware of Tiffany Cartwright's excellent qualifications; however, some of her experience is worth highlighting. She has dedicated her career to seeking justice for those who have been historically underrepresented. Her practice focuses on civil rights and representing workers who have been the victim of unlawful conduct in the workplace. She has gained incredible experience on cases involving police misconduct, gender discrimination and sexual harassment. These types of cases are particularly important because there is a power imbalance between victim and the wrongdoer. They are cases that require compassion, diligence, dedication, and persistence.

Ms. Cartwright's experience prior to entering private practice also supports appointing her to the federal bench. After graduating from Stanford Law School, she served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Betty Binns Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable Dana Fabe of the Alaska Supreme Court. Both clerkships require excellent legal writing and analytical skills and give her a deep understanding of the federal and state court systems.

Ms. Cartwright is an experienced trial attorney. She has tried numerous cases in both state and federal courts and appeared twice before the Washington State Supreme Court. She has secured verdicts in several cases involving serious police misconduct—cases that are extremely challenging to win. It would be difficult to find a candidate who is more well-suited to joining our federal court in Western Washington. Senator Patty Murray said it best in her statement supporting Tiffany Cartwright for this judicial seat:



Our federal court system must deliver justice for everyone, not just the powerful and well connected. The best way to make that promise real is to confirm more judges like Ms. Cartwright to our federal bench. She is a tested and proven civil rights attorney with extensive federal court experience, and a track record of seeking justice for people who have faced discrimination, police misconduct, and more.

We could not agree more.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue regarding the selection of judges who will be given the honor and responsibility of the administration of justice in our state. Tiffany Cartwright is a shining star in our legal profession, and she has our full support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Gregory E. Price
President

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Nathan P. Roberts
President-Elect

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