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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC

Re: Nomination of Nina Morrison to be United States District Judge

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is my honor to address you in the matter of the nomination of Nina Morrison to be a United States District Judge. To be quite forward, I cannot think of a single person whom I believe could be a better choice for such a position as Nina. But my opinion may be a bit biased in this regard.

My acquaintance with Nina came as a result of my wrongful incarceration in Texas in 1987. At the time of my wrongful conviction, I was an honorably discharged Army veteran and college student. My world was turned upside down when I was wrongly convicted for sexual assault after being misidentified. I appealed my conviction and fought to obtain complete DNA testing for almost 15 years

My last-ditch effort to prove my innocence came after Texas enacted new legislation which allowed for me to seek further DNA testing and the Innocence Project agreed to assist me, assigning Nina as my lawyer. Nina fought tenaciously and successfully to assure full and proper testing of the crime scene evidence. Without her efforts on my behalf, I would still be wrongfully convicted.

In the years since my exoneration, I have followed Nina's tireless efforts on behalf of others who were wrongfully convicted. I know that the task of exonerating the wrongfully convicted is filled with constant setbacks and difficult to navigate judicial pathways. I have come to admire her strength of character and tenaciousness in seeking justice. Having served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne I would consider Nina to be of the same standard of excellence as an attorney as paratroopers are for the military. It is my firm belief that Nina Morrison will be an impartial and exceptional judge.

Respectfully,

Brandon L. Moon

cc: Hon. Mike Lee
Hon. John Cornyn
Hon. Ted Cruz