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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Samantha Elliott to the District Court of New Hampshire

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to support the nomination of Samantha Elliott of New Hampshire to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

I served as a judge for over 10 years on the state Superior Court and the state Supreme Court and have practiced in the federal courts since I was admitted to the Bar in 1968. I know what the job entails and that she will perform admirably.

We currently have at least two cases in which Attorney Elliott is on the other side. I have never been in litigation with her other than as adversaries. She is an

excellent lawyer who is creative and diligent and exhibits the highest standards of our profession. She is well respected in the New Hampshire Bar and has served our legal aid and legal assistance programs for years.

I have also dealt with her as a lobbyist for a pool of municipal governments. While we were adversaries for years over various immunities and governmental disputes with plaintiffs, she always kept her word and I could trust her to accurately convey our negotiated deals even if I were not present to submit them to a committee. That is an extremely rare quality, and one that is not general currency in our capital or yours.

I have no hesitation supporting her nomination and know she will serve the judiciary well on our bench.

By the way I enjoyed serving with then Congressman Durbin when I was in the House in 1989 and 1990.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Douglas, III

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