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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write as the chief legal officer of the District of Columbia to express my unequivocal support for Judge Todd E. Edelman's confirmation to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and to urge the members of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Senate to confirm him without delay.

My support for Judge Edelman is based on my knowledge of his work as an attorney and as a judge. Judge Edelman has dedicated the entirety of his legal career to service on behalf of the District of Columbia and its residents. As an attorney, Judge Edelman represented those in our community most in need of legal representation; he was known as a skilled and passionate advocate who aspired to the highest standards of ethics and civility. Since becoming an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2010, Judge Edelman has presided over cases in the Superior Court's Criminal, Civil, and Domestic Violence Divisions, and our attorneys have appeared in front of him in hundreds of cases and more than 20 trials. The matters which our attorneys have litigated before Judge Edelman include criminal prosecutions; cases in which OAG is seeking civil protection orders on behalf of victims of domestic violence, child abuse, or sexual assault; matters in which OAG is seeking compensation for D.C. residents under wage theft and consumer protection statutes; and complex civil cases requiring interpretation of the D.C.'s Human Rights Act and Whistleblower Protection Act.

Judge Edelman's legal acumen and judicial temperament, as well as the depth and breadth of his experience as a lawyer and as a judge, will make him a valuable addition to the District Court. When OAG's lawyers appear before him, Judge Edelman is always well prepared. He listens carefully to the presentation of facts, law, and arguments put forward by OAG and our opponents. Judge Edelman invariably treats all who come before him with dignity and respect, and demonstrates particular sensitivity to the needs of unrepresented parties. When appearing before Judge Edelman, OAG's lawyers expect insightful, incisive questions that cut to the core of the issues before him. We have not always prevailed before Judge Edelman, but we know him

to be an impartial arbiter of equal justice, who will follow the law and apply it fairly to the case before him. Importantly, Judge Edelman issues clear, well-reasoned opinions that ensure all parties understand the reason for a particular outcome.

I am confident that, based on the way in which Judge Edelman has conducted himself as a Superior Court judge, that he is well-prepared to address the complex, novel questions that will come before him on the District Court and that he will reach fair and unbiased decisions. I am confident that he is well-qualified for this position and will be a superb District Court judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KARL A. RACINE', written in a cursive style.

KARL A. RACINE
Attorney General for the District of Columbia