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Mr. Chairman, Senator Feinstein and Members of the Committee: thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Alice Fisher, and I am a partner and Executive Committee member at the law firm of Latham & Watkins. I am pleased to be here today as a friend and former colleague of Judge Neil Gorsuch in private practice and public service at the Department of Justice.

I met Judge Gorsuch in 1991 when we were both summer associates, and we have been friends ever since. As his friend, I have been privileged to watch his career unfold, marked by impressive achievements and a longstanding devotion to service.

Judge Gorsuch possesses a keen intellect, commitment to fairness and decency, and a deep and abiding passion for the law. He has always brought a thoughtful, reasoned, and practical analysis to any issue. Further, Judge Gorsuch's stellar resume demonstrates both a life-long love of learning and an ongoing commitment to teaching and mentoring the next generation.

As a lawyer, Judge Gorsuch is exceptional. As a colleague, he is beloved and respected, with seemingly unlimited reserves of courtesy, kindness, and good humor. As a friend, he's extremely supportive and generous to all. He is a wonderful listener and a great advisor, always encouraging and eager to help. Judge Gorsuch has been driven by his devotion to his country and to public service and comports himself with deep humility. He holds himself to the highest standard of excellence and to an unwavering commitment to getting it right.

Judge Gorsuch is not just an excellent attorney and judge; he is also a steadfast, loving husband and father. He has adored Louise from the very first moment he met her, and he is a doting parent to Emma and Belinda.

These qualities, all of which I have admired in Judge Gorsuch for the past twenty-six years, are precisely those that qualify him for the new position to which he has been nominated. He is a man of the highest personal integrity, deeply dedicated to serving his country, and I cannot think of a better place for him to do so than on the United States Supreme Court.