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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I write to strongly support the nomination of Mary G. Lewis for the position of United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

I am very familiar with the many outstanding qualities possessed by Ms. Lewis. I observed her not only while I was serving as a federal judge, but also since retiring from the bench and returning to the private practice of law. Indeed, we are presently working together on major litigation involving STARK and related Medicare issues. She is not only a joy to work with but brings so much to the table because of her exceptionally bright minded, keen intellect and knowledge of the law. She is without a doubt one of the best lawyers in South Carolina.

Most importantly, Ms. Lewis has an even temperament, never loses her composure, and treats everyone from every walk of life with respect. I predict that, if confirmed, Ms. Lewis will quickly earn the reputation of being one of the very best trial judges in the nation.

Very truly yours,


William W. Wilkins