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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy,
Chair

The Honorable Chuck Grassley,
Ranking Member

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Richard Gary Taranto as Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Federal Circuit

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to support the nomination of Richard G. Taranto to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He is an extraordinarily fine lawyer and person, and, if confirmed, will be an excellent judge.

I have worked with Richard closely for nearly 30 years, the majority of them in a two-person firm. During that time I have developed great respect for his intelligence, his judgment, and his intellectual and personal fairness. He is able to consider other views without rancor, and he has the kind of courteous manner that, as a judge, would serve him well with his colleagues and with the attorneys that appear before him. I have been fortunate to practice with him, and I think that he would be a wonderful addition to the Federal Circuit.

I urge the Senate to confirm him to be a Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,



H. Bartow Farr, III