

July 9, 2024

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Mary Kay Costello to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

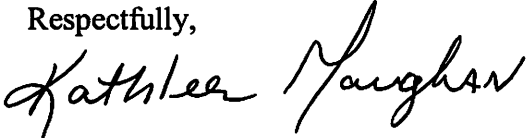
I respectfully write to offer my enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Assistant United States Attorney Mary Kay Costello. I am an assistant federal public defender in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and have been employed in this capacity since 2010. I have known Mary Kay Costello as a prosecutor in this district and have handled numerous cases with her as an adversary.

Ms. Costello has a reputation as a smart, fair, even tempered, and honest prosecutor. I trust what she says about her cases, whether it's a representation about the strength of her case, her guideline calculations and her input from the government's victims and witnesses.

If confirmed, she will be a superb addition to our district court bench. She appears to have an innate sense of fairness, humility, duty, and empathy. She has earned the noticeable respect of the district court judges whom she has appeared before. She treats all those around her with professionalism and respect.

I am aware of her military background and her longstanding dedication to public service. She will be an exceptional jurist and will maintain the level of professionalism she has always demonstrated with future litigants, court staff, victims and defendants that come before her. I completely support her nomination and look forward to as a welcome addition to our district court bench.

Respectfully,



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