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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Endorsement of Philip L. Aubart for United States District Judge Middle District of North Carolina

Dear Chairman Grassley and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am honored to offer my strongest and most enthusiastic endorsement of Philip L. Aubart for appointment as a United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

As an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Aubart has consistently demonstrated exceptional legal ability, sound judgment, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the fair administration of justice. Throughout his distinguished career, he has successfully prosecuted complex criminal cases while maintaining the highest ethical standards and ensuring that justice is pursued fairly and impartially.

As the Chief of Police for the Town of Edenton, North Carolina, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Aubart and observing firsthand his dedication to public service and the rule of law. He has been an invaluable asset to both me and the law enforcement officers I lead. His willingness to assist law enforcement agencies, provide thoughtful legal guidance, and work collaboratively with investigators and prosecutors has greatly contributed to the successful prosecution of criminal cases and the safety of our communities.

Mr. Aubart possesses an exceptional understanding of criminal law and procedure. Equally important, he approaches every case with fairness, professionalism, and respect for the rights of all parties involved. His reputation among law enforcement professionals, attorneys, and members of the judiciary is one of integrity, competence, and unwavering ethical conduct.

The qualities required of an outstanding federal judge include impartiality, wisdom, integrity, judicial temperament, and a steadfast commitment to the Constitution and the rule of law. In my experience, Mr. Aubart embodies each of these qualities. He is a thoughtful and measured decision-maker who carefully considers the facts and law before reaching conclusions. His character, professionalism, and dedication to justice make him exceptionally qualified to serve on the federal bench.

The citizens of North Carolina and the Middle District would be well served by his appointment. I am confident that Philip Aubart would serve with honor, distinction, and fairness as a United States District Judge. I offer my wholehearted and unequivocal endorsement and recommend him for this position without reservation.

Respectfully,

David LaFon
Chief of Police
Town of Edenton, North Carolina