November 4, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Philip L. Aubart to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former law clerks to the Honorable Terrence W. Boyle, and we write solely in our personal capacities to express our support for the nomination of Philip L. Aubart to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

As is evident from his resume, Phil is extraordinarily gifted and accomplished. He graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College and later from Duke Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge Boyle in the Eastern District of North Carolina. He then served our country in the United States Army for nearly eight years including time as both a prosecutor and defense counsel. Phil returned to the Eastern District of North Carolina and served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division. He is now the First Assistant United States Attorney in Eastern District of North Carolina. In addition, he also serves as a Major in the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps.

Our shared experience clerking for Judge Boyle has given us a particular appreciation for the qualities of a great judge. We have seen firsthand the importance of a judge's devotion to public service, commitment to fairness, and fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States. Phil, like Judge Boyle, undoubtedly exemplifies those essential characteristics of a great federal judge.

We offer this endorsement as former law clerks of Judge Boyle united in our respect for the judicial process and our belief in the importance of an independent, fair, and competent federal judiciary. We believe Phil would bring to the federal bench the judgment, integrity, temperament, and dedication that the position requires, and we support his nomination without reservation.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for Phil's nomination. We respectfully urge the Committee to report Phil's nomination favorably and recommend his confirmation to the full United States Senate.

Respectfully,

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