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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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:

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation in support of Mr. Aubart's nomination for Judge of the United States District Court in the Middle District of North Carolina. In my 33 years as an Assistant District Attorney and now District Attorney, I have come across many individuals in the legal profession who are very qualified and perform their jobs admirably. There are a few, however, that stand out and perform their jobs with such professionalism, integrity and legal acumen that it separates them from the others, Mr. Aubart is just such a professional. The title and position of Federal District Court Judge should be reserved for the best of the best, our county and its citizens deserve people of the highest caliber to hold such a prestigious position, once again Mr. Aubart in my opinion is just such person.

Mr. Aubart has dedicated his professional life to the service of his country. He currently serves as a Major in the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps and as First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, lastly a position that Mr. Aubart ascended to in record time. Those positions reflect his longstanding commitment to serving our country and further demonstrate the strong character and discipline that will serve him well on the federal

bench. In these difficult times, we need people like Mr. Aubart on the bench, those with keen intellect, compassion, unwavering integrity and a dedication to service.

Based on his distinguished career and longstanding record of public service, I have complete confidence that Mr. Aubart will faithfully apply the law, treat all parties fairly, and serve with integrity. He will be an asset to the Middle District of North Carolina, and I respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to report his nomination favorably and recommend his confirmation by the full Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

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