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The Honorable Charles Grassley
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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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 recommend and express my strong support for Mr. Aubart's nomination for Judge of the United States District Court in the Middle District of North Carolina. As the District Attorney of Prosecutorial District Four, and formerly Chief Assistant District Attorney, I have worked directly with Mr. Aubart in identifying state criminal cases for potential federal review and federal indictment. Over the years I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Aubart's professionalism, legal experience, and commitment to public service. I believe he possesses the intelligence, temperament, experience, and integrity necessary to serve with distinction on the federal bench.

Mr. Aubart brings an impressive breadth of legal experience to this nomination. He previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable United States District Court Judge Terrence Boyle, currently serves as a Major in the United State Army Reserve as a Judge Advocate General (JAG), and has ascended to First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. This combined experience has given him an understanding of the serious consequences criminal conduct has on victims, families, and communities. That

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knowledge, together with his legal training and commitment to service, has prepared Mr. Aubart to balance the interests of justice while ensuring that the Constitution is faithfully followed.

I am confident that Mr. Aubart has the qualifications, character, and legal aptitude to be an excellent United States District Court Judge in the Middle District of North Carolina. I offer my strongest recommendation for his appointment and believe he would serve the judiciary and the citizens of North Carolina with distinction. I respectfully request the Senate Judiciary Committee to report his nomination favorably and recommend his confirmation by the full United States Senate.

Respectfully,

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