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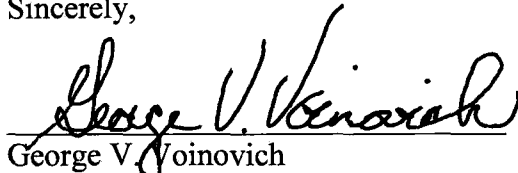
I write to urge an expeditious confirmation process for both Judge Timothy Black who is nominated for a Judgeship in the Southern District of Ohio and Benita Pearson who is nominated for a Judgeship in the Northern District of Ohio.

Judge Black has been a Magistrate Judge in the United States Courthouse in Cincinnati since 2004 and was previously a Hamilton County Judge for over ten years. Judge Pearson is currently a Magistrate Judge in the United States Courthouse in Akron and plans to join the Federal Courthouse in Youngstown if confirmed. Previously, Judge Pearson had served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Ohio.

Both Judges Black and Pearson were recommended for their nominations by the Judicial Advisory Committee Senator Brown and I created to vet judicial recommendations, and I support these recommendations. I hope that the Judiciary Committee will share my opinion of the nominees, and I look forward to the speedy consideration of both nominees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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