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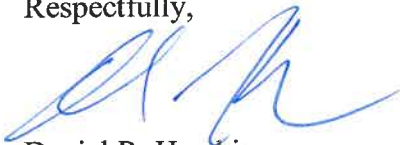
Dear Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

It is my privilege to support the nomination of Matt Byrne as a district court judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Having known Matt personally and professionally for several years, I can speak confidently to his impressive qualifications, legal acumen, and unwavering integrity – qualities that make him the perfect candidate to fill this vacancy.

I can say with utmost confidence that Matt is among the most outstanding jurists serving in Ohio today. And although his appointment to the federal bench would be a loss for the Ohio judiciary, it would be a tremendous gain for the Southern District of Ohio and our federal judicial system.

Matt is an exceptional judge and even better person. I hope you and your colleagues on the Judiciary Committee will support his nomination.

Respectfully,



Daniel R. Hawkins
Justice, Ohio Supreme Court