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November 10, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write in advance of the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on the nomination of Sara Hill to serve as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma to express my strong support for her historic candidacy.

I was not surprised to learn that Sara, a Cherokee Nation citizen and someone who has served our Tribe with distinction for the better part of the last two decades, was nominated for this position. Sara's background, humility, reputation for fairness, collegiality, and outstanding legal mind make her a superior choice. I know her to be an ardent believer in truth and justice; without question she is one of the most important and impactful attorneys in our Nation's history.

A native Oklahoman, Sara is a person of integrity who will work tirelessly to promote confidence in an independent judiciary. Moreover, as a Tribal citizen she is uniquely qualified to serve the Northern District, home to 13 federally-recognized Native American Tribes. More than 100,000 Native Americans live and work on the reservations located in the Northern District.

Currently there are no Tribal citizens serving as federal judges in Oklahoma, a state where close to 14 percent of the population is Native American. I strongly believe it will improve the federal judiciary to add a judge in the Northern District who reflects this community. Additionally, Sara would be the first Native American woman to sit on a Federal bench in Oklahoma.

I wholeheartedly support Sara Hill's candidacy for United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and join the more than 460,000 citizens of Cherokee Nation in enthusiastic anticipation of her confirmation hearing.

I am extremely confident the Northern District of Oklahoma will benefit greatly from her service for years to come.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Hoskin Jr." in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

Chuck Hoskin Jr.
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