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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Judge Elizabeth L. "Lisa" Branch for appointment to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. I have had the good fortune to have known Judge Branch for many years, and I believe she is imminently qualified for this position.

Judge Branch is an accomplished jurist, has a proven record in public service and maintains an impeccable reputation in the legal community. Having served on the Georgia Court of Appeals since 2012, Judge Branch possesses the intellect, temperament and philosophy that one desires any appellate judge to have. She knows the law, and she knows the appropriate role of the judiciary in our constitutional system of government. I am fortunate to have served on Georgia Governor Nathan Deal's Judicial Nominating Commission since 2011 and was on the Commission who recommended Lisa to Governor Deal. From the moment she was sworn in, she has made Georgia proud.

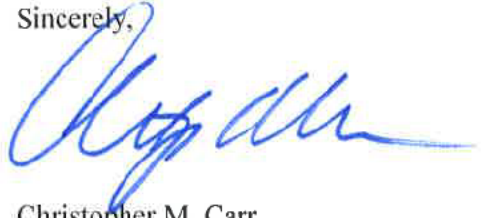
In addition to serving the people of Georgia as a judge on the Court of Appeals, Lisa has served the people of our great nation in a variety of capacities. She served in the Administration of President George W. Bush as the first Associate General Counsel for Rules and Legislation after the creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She then served as Counselor to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The experiences Lisa has had as a judge at the state level and as a lawyer in two federal agencies provides her with, in my opinion, a unique set of experiences that would serve her well on the bench in the Eleventh Circuit.

Equally important to her professional success and experiences is the reputation she has earned both inside and outside of the courtroom. In addition to the numerous professional accolades she has received, Judge Branch is an active and involved member of our community. She has served on Georgia's

Commission on Child Support, is active in the State Bar of Georgia, is a Master in the Lamar American Inn of Court and the Bleckley American Inn of Court, and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Atlanta Lawyers Chapter for the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies as well as the Board of Visitors for Emory University.

It is, again, without reservation that I enthusiastically support Judge Lisa Branch's nomination for an appointment to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She is the type of individual that we all are grateful is willing to serve in public life, and she would make a welcome addition to the bench.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Carr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher M. Carr