

July 21, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of Claria Horn Boom's nomination for the position of United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. We have known Claria since her time as an undergraduate student at Transylvania University, from which she graduated summa cum laude in 1991. We steadfastly agree that Claria would serve as a dedicated, fair and stellar member of the bench.

Claria attended Transylvania—the sixteenth oldest college in the nation—on a full merit-based scholarship. She quickly excelled at both academics and leadership positions and demonstrated an ability to effectively problem-solve. Elected an officer in multiple student organizations, Claria distinguished herself through her intellect, compassion toward others, and exceptional ethical presence. In the classroom, her ability to synthesize information from disparate sources in discussions proved impressive. She similarly discussed and debated in a civil and respectful manner—a demeanor we know has carried forward throughout her career. Not only was Claria an excellent undergraduate student, she excelled in law school as well; indeed, she graduated in the top three at Vanderbilt Law School.

Claria has continued to assist Transylvania in numerous roles, currently as a member of the Board of Regents Presidential Advisory Group and the Women's Impact Council. She previously served as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and was elected to the Board of Trustees for the years 2008-2014. In these positions, both colleagues and administrators sought her counsel as intuitive and insightful. When Claria saw an issue that she believed needed addressed she listened carefully to all viewpoints on the matter and then weighed in with sound guidance.

We have watched Claria develop into the outstanding attorney she is today while also immersing herself in volunteer work and becoming a highly regarded member of the Lexington community. Each effort she undertakes with a combination of tenacity and grace. Her work with diverse geographic populations within our state lends itself perfectly to adjudicating cases in both the eastern and western regions of

Kentucky. We strongly believe that you could not find a more capable, diligent, principled candidate for this judgeship.

In writing this letter, we represent our personal views of Claria—one of us her former professor, one the president of Transylvania during her undergraduate years, and one a classmate and now coordinator for roles in which she currently serves our institution. It has been a privilege to work with Claria in all arenas over the past twenty-five years and we know she will serve with distinction as a United States District Judge.

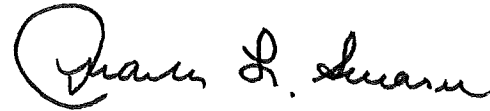
Sincerely,



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