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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
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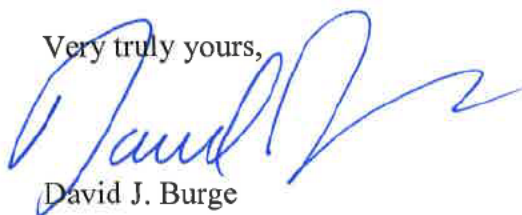
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Judge Elizabeth Branch to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Eleventh Circuit

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Feinstein:

I wish to fully recommend my former Smith, Gambrell colleague Judge Elizabeth "Lisa" Branch for confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Judge Branch has a distinguished record of public service as a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals and, prior to becoming a judge, at the US Department of Homeland Security General Counsel's office and in the Office of Management and Budget. As a lawyer in private practice at this law firm, her colleagues and clients had only the highest regard for her ability as a lawyer. Judge Branch is also very active in a number of civic and professional groups. She is an intelligent and thoughtful person of high character in all she does. With her combination of experience, character, talent and ability, I think she will serve the people of the United States extremely well as a member of our federal judiciary.

Very truly yours,



David J. Burge

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