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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman-U.S. Senate committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member-U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I am writing in support of President Trump's nominations of Kyle Duncan and Kurt Engelhardt to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I was fortunate to sit on the interview committee for these two men and can wholeheartedly recommend both of them and it is an honor and privilege to do so.

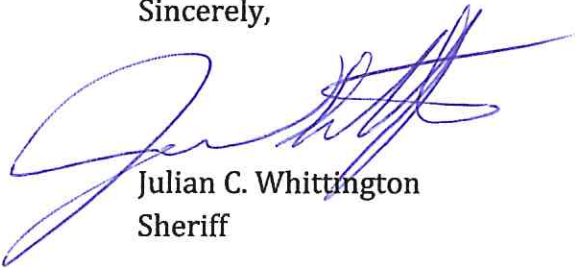
Mr. Duncan's and Chief Judge Engelhardt's resumes respectively more than adequately demonstrate their abilities to excel at this post. These individuals possess the legal knowledge and training that assures us they are more than qualified for this nomination. Should they be confirmed, both will continue to represent us as seasoned leaders, with honor, professionalism, and integrity. There is no doubt that they will be an asset to our federal court system.

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Therefore, I ask that you confirm the nomination of Mr. Duncan and Chief Judge Engelhardt to the Fifth Circuit. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any further questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julian C. Whittington', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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cc: Senator Bill Cassidy
Senator John Kennedy
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