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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We are faculty and alumni of Notre Dame Law School who had the privilege of teaching Josh Dunlap or studying alongside him. We write in enthusiastic support of his nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

We come from diverse walks of life: practicing attorneys, academics, in-house counsel, and public servants. We have different professional backgrounds and political affiliations. Yet we are united in our conviction that Josh Dunlap would be an outstanding federal appellate judge.

At Notre Dame, Josh stood out for his humble demeanor and his extraordinary command of the law. He graduated first in his class and was awarded the Colonel William J. Hoynes Award, the law school's highest honor, given to the graduate with the most distinguished academic record. That accomplishment alone is notable, but Josh's intellect was never merely academic. He had a gift for analytical precision, clear writing, and principled legal reasoning.

Some of us served with Josh on the *Notre Dame Law Review*, where he earned the respect of his classmates for his work ethic and his excellent writing. He approached the law with rigor and humility, and his work consistently reflected a deep commitment to excellence.

Beyond his remarkable academic record, Josh is a person of integrity and character. In classrooms and seminar discussions, he demonstrated respect for differing views and a deep appreciation for the rule of law. Josh was unfailingly gracious. He listened carefully, argued thoughtfully, and treated peers and professors alike with genuine courtesy.

We believe Josh would serve the First Circuit with distinction. His high intelligence, strong work ethic, and even temperament make him well suited for the appellate bench. We respectfully urge the Senate to consider his nomination with the seriousness it deserves and to confirm him to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Sincerely,

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