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The Honorable Richard Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510 The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

RE: The Honorable Gretchen Lund

Judicial Nominee to the United State District Court for the

Northern District of Indiana

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I have been an attorney since 1979 and have been practicing in Indiana since 1982. The bulk of my practice has been in the area of personal injury and insurance coverage litigation. It is my understanding that Judge Gretchen Lund has applied for a vacancy on the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, and I wanted to take this opportunity to highly recommend Judge Lund for this position. I recently litigated a very complicated insurance coverage matter in her court which involved various motions including a summary judgment and Daubert type motions regarding expert witnesses. I thought Judge Lund did an excellent job in the way she handled this matter in its entirety. She scheduled hearings for the various issues that were before the court and gave both sides sufficient time to not only brief important matters she was addressing but to participate in oral argument on those matters. She was patient and courteous to the lawyers and I believe her careful legal analysis was both thorough and impressive. She was organized and her management of the case accomplished its expeditious resolution while providing the attorneys the time they needed to effectively argue their positions. Her decisions were timely, and her opinions were thorough and very well written. I believe she has a wonderful judicial temperament, she is very intelligent, and a very good writer and I think she would make an excellent addition to the court. I would be happy to discuss my experiences with Judge Lund should it assist the committee in the evaluation process.

Very truly yours,

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