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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit professional organization representing over 32,000 federal law enforcement officers, I am delighted to submit this letter in support of the nomination of Kevin Ritz to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Ritz is no stranger to the federal law enforcement community – in fact, he is someone deeply familiar with the work of the dedicated professionals who sacrifice every day to serve the public and uphold the rule of law in our communities, and particularly those throughout the Sixth Circuit (and in particular, the 22 counties in the Western District of Tennessee). Indeed, Mr. Ritz is a known quantity within the Western District of Tennessee, and those who have personally worked with Mr. Ritz or observed him know about his professionalism, dedication, and willingness to stand along the front lines with law enforcement personnel and community leaders alike. In short, at every turn throughout his nearly 20 years serving the Western District of Tennessee, community leaders and law enforcement leaders who know Mr. Ritz have come away deeply impressed at how thorough and principled Mr. Ritz has shown himself to be, time and time again.

Indeed, while Mr. Ritz currently serves as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, he has also served in a myriad of roles throughout that storied office. After clerking on the Sixth Circuit, Mr. Ritz was hired to serve as a line attorney and steadily rose the ranks in the office serving in various supervisory levels. Throughout his career, Mr. Ritz has always sought to build constructive and collaborative relationships, all in furtherance of public safety and the administration of justice. He has worked tirelessly with devoted law enforcement agents from the U.S. Marshals Service, DEA, FBI, DHS, USSS, ATF, and many others. He has also worked closely with victims of crime, and built relationships with community leaders to foster collaboration and cooperation in so many local communities. And he also established new units within the U.S. Attorney's office to protect our national security and protect and advance civil rights.

Each and every former U.S. Attorney who has led that office since 2005, and each and every federal judge – whether appointed by a Republican or a Democratic President – know Mr. Ritz and are familiar with who he is and all that he has brought to the Western District of Tennessee. And this is in addition to all of the hundreds of career public servants who have worked with Mr. Ritz throughout their careers.

We can simply think of no better candidate for the Sixth Circuit who is as well-known to the federal law enforcement community, and well-known to the people of the Western District of Tennessee, than Mr. Ritz. We have every confidence that he would take on the responsibility of serving as a federal judge on the Court of Appeals with humility, honor, and faithfulness to the law. We are therefore delighted to make this submission on behalf of Mr. Ritz's nomination, and urge the Senate to confirm him unanimously. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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