

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Chief Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn to the United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We respectfully submit this letter in strong and unqualified support of the nomination of Chief Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. We are all former prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York who have routinely appeared before Chief Magistrate Judge Netburn. Some of us have also worked with Judge Netburn on court committees and other Court-run programs, including the Second Circuit's Justice for All Civic Education Initiative and the Young Adult Opportunity Program. Many of us are now in private practice and have more recently appeared before Judge Netburn on both criminal defense and civil matters. Through our varied experiences, we can confidently say Judge Netburn is an excellent candidate for the District Court and we support her confirmation wholeheartedly.

Judge Netburn has demonstrated her strong commitment to the rule of law and to public service through roles at the Court and beyond, first as Chief Counsel to the Office of Pro Se Litigation Magistrate, beginning in 2010, then as a Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York since 2012, and as the Court's Chief Magistrate Judge since 2024. Prior to her Court service, Judge Netburn worked from 2002 to 2010 at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP where she rose from associate to partner. Judge Netburn received her J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2001, as one of the school's first graduates of its program in public interest law and policy and earned her B.A. from Brown University in 1994. Immediately following law school, she served as a law clerk for Judge Harry Pregerson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

As former AUSAs, we appeared frequently before Chief Judge Netburn to seek warrants, present defendants on new charges, argue for bail or detention, as well as for felony plea allocutions and a range of misdemeanor proceedings. As such, we are qualified to have an opinion on Judge Netburn's fairness, application of the law, and temperament as a judicial officer.

Over the last 12 years, Judge Netburn has earned the deep respect of prosecutors by consistently demonstrating herself to be fair, thoughtful, well-prepared, and learned in the law. Many of us

have also sat alongside Judge Netburn on court committees, in civic education programs and on continuing legal education panels. We have always found her to be giving of her time to mentor and educate those around her and to help the Court work towards more efficient and equitable outcomes. Finally, we commend Judge Netburn for launching the Southern District's Young Adult Opportunity Program, the Court's first judicially supervised pretrial program for non-violent youthful offenders. As former AUSAs, we fully supported this education and training program and witnessed, firsthand, the transformative effect it had on so many individuals and their communities. It is our sense that programs like these reduce recidivism and promote public safety.

As a Magistrate Judge, Judge Netburn has served the Southern District Court and its community with integrity and enthusiasm for more than a decade. We have no doubt she will do the same as a District Judge, and we strongly support her nomination.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

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