

September 12, 2025

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We, the signatories below, are all former U.S. Department of Justice officials who write in support of the confirmation of Lindsey Freeman to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Ms. Freeman has a stellar academic record, graduating *magna cum laude* from two Ivy League schools, and she later clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked at a prestigious law firm.

Her talents extend far beyond credentials, however. She is a natural leader. While at the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy, she was quickly promoted to Chief of Staff, running an office of several dozen attorneys and staff. She was soon promoted again, this time to Chief of Staff to the Associate Attorney General, where she also pulled double duty as a Deputy Associate Attorney General.

At every stage of her career, her colleagues and supervisors have recognized her excellent judgment and steady hand—perfect traits for a District Judge. After moving to North Carolina to work in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District, she again took on leadership roles, becoming the First Assistant U.S. Attorney while also serving on the local Federalist Society chapter's leadership team.

Between her time in private practice and at the Department of Justice, Ms. Freeman has acquired extensive experience in both criminal and civil law—a rare feat these days—perfectly positioning her to handle a diverse docket as a District Judge.

Above all else, Ms. Freeman is a genuine friend and great person, never too busy to help. North Carolina is lucky to have her. We respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate to move expeditiously to process and confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

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