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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: In Support of the Nomination of Claria Horn Boom

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write in support of the nomination of Claria Horn Boom to the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. Claria possesses all the qualities that embody fine jurists -- patience, intellectual curiosity, high integrity, and outstanding legal acumen. From the perspective of one who litigates in federal court and who has handled both criminal and civil cases, I know Claria's abilities would be an excellent match for the bench.

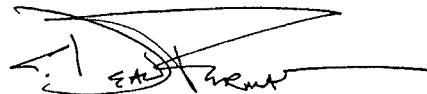
I served with Claria for four years in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky. We were in the criminal fraud section and handled numerous cases together, including trials. I saw firsthand her commitment to doing justice and her legal skills. In cases we worked together, she never accepted anything less than my best efforts, nor did she expect or give anything less of herself.

Also, as a former Democratic Party official in Florida and in Kentucky, I have no hesitation to recommend Claria in these particularly partisan times. Neither politics nor her personal views will affect how she handles cases. I have met and worked with many lawyers in Kentucky, as well as appeared before numerous judges. Nonetheless, if I were a party in a civil or criminal case, I can think of no other person I would want to hear my case than Claria. I wholeheartedly recommend her.

If you would like to talk more about Claria's qualifications for the bench, please contact me at my office, (502) 245-8883.

Sincerely yours,

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