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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassey and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The undersigned are all the Justices of the Supreme Court of Georgia who have served with Justice Britt Grant, a pending nominee for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. In response to an inquiry from the office of Senator David Perdue, we write in our personal capacities to support Justice Grant's confirmation to that judgeship.

Justice Grant displays all of the qualities of an excellent judge. She is highly intelligent, brings a breadth and depth of legal experience to the bench, and is a very strong writer. Her first focus is always to get the law right, but once that has been achieved, she then strives for clarity in explaining that law.

Justice Grant's character and integrity is unquestioned. She has an excellent reputation in the legal community, and her strong work ethic has enabled her to keep up with our Court's very high caseload.

Justice Grant also possesses a well-balanced judicial temperament. Her decisiveness and conviction enable her to remain firm when convinced she is right. But until that point, she displays open-mindedness and patience in working through difficult issues with the rest of us. And in either situation, she displays courtesy and collegiality as we all work together.

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Justice Grant's commitment to the rule of law and her judicial oath has well-served the people of Georgia in her current role. If confirmed, her commitment to those principles will serve the people of Georgia, Alabama, and Florida well as a United States circuit judge. Our loss would be the Eleventh Circuit's gain.

Sincerely,

Chief Justice P. Harris Hines

Justice David E. Nahmias

Presiding Justice Harold D. Melton

Justice Keith R. Blackwell

Justice Robert Benham

Justice Michael P. Boggs

Justice Carol W. Hunstein

Justice Nels S.D. Peterson