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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Confirmation of Michael Hendershot for the Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

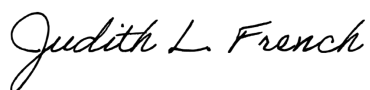
I write to offer my strong support for Michael Hendershot as nominee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. He will be an outstanding addition to the bench in Ohio.

In my eight years as a justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, I watched and read Michael's work. He stood out among his peers for his directness, both in his written briefs and in his oral arguments. Particularly at oral argument, he stood apart for his calm and deliberate delivery. He has an extraordinary ability to listen to questions being asked, and to answer those questions in a straightforward way.

With Michael on the bench, I envision a judge who will be well-prepared for each case and legal issue before him. A judge who will listen to the lawyers before him and ask thoughtful questions. And a judge who will render informed and reasoned decisions. That's the kind of judge we need in Ohio.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for Michael Hendershot in this role.

Sincerely yours,



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