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Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman  
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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

**Re: Recommendation of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch for the Eleventh Circuit  
Court of Appeals**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

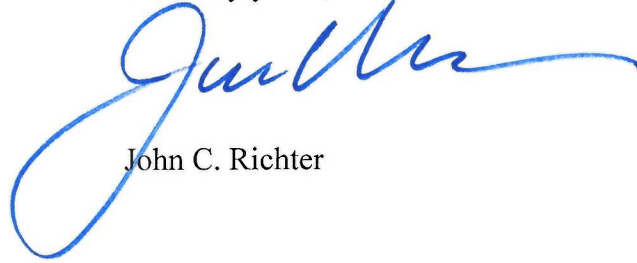
I write to urge your support for the nomination of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch to be a Judge on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. I have known Judge Branch since 1994, when she succeeded me as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Owen Forrester. Judge Forrester, who served our Nation admirably for more than 35 years as a federal prosecutor, U.S. Magistrate Judge and U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, was a very tough grader of his law clerks and of lawyers in general. I know from my many conversations with him over the years that he judged Judge Branch as one of his finest law clerks he ever had, in terms of her legal acumen, common sense and temperament. He saw her appointment as a Judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals as one of his best legacies.

Judge Branch has the requisite experience and expertise to be a very fine federal circuit Judge. She has developed the necessary experience and expertise from her service as appellate judge, a successful partner in private practice, and as lawyer for the U.S. government at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and at the Office of Management and Budget. She has an exceptional temperament and an outstanding legal mind and couples these with an innate sense of fairness and justice. Throughout her career, Judge Branch has regularly contributed to her state and community, speaking to students, civic groups, and legal organizations. And, she has served her state admirably in other capacities, including as a Commissioner on the Georgia Commission on Child Support.

Judge Branch has excelled at every point in her legal career. From private practice to her service in government and on the state appellate bench, Judge Branch has the high integrity, strong intellect, measured temperament, and the solid judgment that will make her a fine federal appellate judge. We are fortunate she is willing to serve our Nation. I urge your support, therefore, for her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration and continued service to our Nation. I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Richter", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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