

August 30, 2023

Hon. Richard Durbin, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

Hon. Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senators:

Please accept this letter in support of Judge Joshua Kolar's nomination to a seat on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

I've known Judge Kolar ever since he served as my law clerk from September 2005 through September 2006. He performed extremely well in that role. He's smart, diligent and articulate. His writing is excellent. Plus he was very effective in adroitly deflecting me from adopting several questionable potential decisions! Most importantly, he kept an open mind, so we always reviewed carefully all views presented before reaching a conclusion.

We have maintained a close friendship during the intervening years. The lawyers who appear in his courtroom as well as his fellow judges hold him in very high regard. He is a thoughtful, decisive, straight shooter from the bench and, while obviously ruling against the positions of many lawyers and litigants, treats everyone with respect.

Judge Kolar is a patriot in the full and best sense of the word as proven by his extended service in the Navy. As we've discussed his various career changes, he has been unwavering in his commitment to our nation. "Patriot" is not a quality to be asserted lightly. Josh is a true patriot. We are fortunate to benefit by the dedication of his life to our country.

Please feel free to call me if you'd like any additional information. Thanks for considering my views. And thank you for YOUR public service!

Yours truly,

/s/ Wayne Andersen

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