The Honorable Stanwood Richardson Duval, Jr. United States District Court Judge For the Eastern District of Louisiana (1994-2017) 410 Henry Clay Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 July 1, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Graham,

It is my privilege to recommend to you Brandon S. Long for appointment to the bench as a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. When I served on that bench, Mr. Long appeared before me a number of times. His performance as an attorney was compelling and profoundly professional. He clearly has lived up to his academic potential as demonstrated with his graduating *cum laude* with a Juris Doctor degree from Duke University School of Law as well as a Staff Editor of the *Duke Law Journal*.

Since I retired from the bench, I have had occasion to meet him socially. He is a person who exemplifies the best of the legal profession by virtue of his intelligence, demeanor, and absolute rectitude. He is a very engaging person, and I am certain that he will have a superb judicial temperament. He will also approach each case with no preconceived notions and utmost fairness. Brandon will assiduously apply the law and the facts and will adhere to precedent.

On a personal note, his service on the Board of Directors for Boys Hope Girls Hope speaks of his commitment to the community. Indeed, this endeavor was one embraced by my fellow colleague on the bench, the late Honorable Adrian Duplantier. Moreover, he is a wonderful father to his two boys aged 8 and 7 which further demonstrates his dedication to the future of the United States.

Brandon is as uniquely balanced, personable, intelligent, and conscientious as any potential nominee should be. I am absolutely certain that if he is fortunate enough to become a federal district court judge, he will make us all immensely proud.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Stanwood Richardson Duval, Jr.

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