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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

Re: *Nomination of Stephen Clark of Missouri as District Court Judge for the United States
District Court of Eastern Missouri*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

It is with great honor, and the utmost respect that I support the nomination of my long time and dear friend, Stephen Clark. I have enjoyed a strong and lasting personal friendship with Steve for over 30 years. In that time, I have seen Steve as a kind, caring, and loving person with excellent character: he has a natural ability to relate to all of the people he meets. His character traits serve him by building trust with those around him. People recognize that Steve looks out for other people's interests.

In addition to our friendship, we have worked together for almost 20 years. I run a medium sized company that manufactures hundreds of products and has a complicated distribution network that enters many legal venues. We have worked together on a variety of legal issues, including Union contracts, Union grievances, patent violations, human resources issues, etc. Steve's work has always been exemplary and gone above what would be expected. He has a great passion for the law and often takes extra time to make sure that others, even those in opposition, understand as well. I honestly believe our Teamsters representative would tell you that Steve is an honest and fair man with great judgement.

Personally, I find Steve's work to be the best I have encountered. If he is chosen, I will certainly miss our business relationship. Fortunately, I know I will keep the friendship. Stephen Clark would be the absolute prototype of my thoughts of a District Court Judge. He has outstanding character, he is absolutely fair, and he works tirelessly to help all understand the law. He is a fine example to his children and his family, and his character as a judge would be a great value to our country.

I truly urge the Senate to confirm Stephen Clark as District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Kristopher G. Kosup

Cc: The Honorable Claire C. McCaskill
The Honorable Roy D. Blunt