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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman  
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The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member  
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Re: Nominee Jeffrey M. Kuhlman

Senators Grassley and Durbin:

I am very pleased to give Jeff Kuhlman my highest recommendation to become one of the next district court judges in Kansas. Jeff was a judicial law clerk for my friend and former partner, the Honorable Senior District Court Judge Eric Melgren. Judge Melgren has nothing but the highest regard for Jeff, and I trust Judge Melgren's judgment.

Judge Melgren appointed Jeff and me to the United States District Court Magistrate Selection Committee that reviewed Magistrate Judge Birzer for reappointment to the bench, and that recommended a slate of three potential magistrate judge candidates to the Kansas district court judges for their ultimate selection. They selected Magistrate Judge Brooks Severson. As chair of the Selection Committee, my job was to convene and guide the process. I relied upon Jeff to have great questions, to be fair and impartial in the process, but not to suffer fools gladly. As you can tell from his resume, he is very bright, very hard working, and has been selected to key leadership roles throughout his education and legal career.

I have also had the pleasure of working on a litigation matter where Jeff and I were working on the same side, and, again, Jeff's good judgment and level headedness was very much appreciated. He kept a cool and measured demeanor throughout, and was supportive of me when I had to make some tough decisions.

I think Jeff has seen enough of life to have an appreciation for the struggles that people go through; he's rubbed shoulders with the well-to-do and the down-and-out, and I believe in his role as a federal judge he would have a fair and even-handed approach to all who appeared before him. His intellect is strong enough to deal with the most complex cases, while his small town roots will keep him grounded and humble when dealing with those who are accused of violating the law.

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Thank you for allowing me to share with you my deep respect for Jeff Kuhlman and my hope that you will forward him to the full Senate for confirmation.

Sincerely,

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