Senate Judiciary Committee United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the Lawyers' Association for Women – Marion Griffin Chapter (LAW), we are writing to express our support of Karla M. Campbell for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in light of the impending retirement of the Honorable Jane Branstetter Stranch.

LAW is an organization that emphasizes and addresses issues affecting women within the legal profession. Our mission includes the advocacy for increased numbers of qualified women on the bench. As of October 1, 2023, women held a significant minority of seats in the federal judiciary—both in Tennessee and nationwide. Accordingly, LAW believes that it is appropriate for Ms. Campbell to be appointed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ms. Campbell, who has been an attorney at the Nashville law firm of Stranch Jennings & Garvey since 2009, is also the appropriate person to fill the impending vacancy on the bench, especially considering her connection to Nashville. Nashville is both Tennessee's state capitol and the most populous city in the State of Tennessee. Despite this, only Judge Stranch represents our city in the Sixth Circuit Court; Judge Julia Smith Gibbons, Senior Judge Ronald Lee Gilman, and Judge Andre B. Mathis, all of whom also represent Tennessee in our Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, are all from Memphis. The current nominee to fill Judge Gibbons' vacancy on the bench, Kevin G. Ritz, is also from Memphis. Accordingly, and in light of the vast quantity of Tennesseans residing in our city, we believe that the appointment of Karla M. Campbell to the bench is not only appropriate, but necessary.

Regardless of each of your respective decisions, thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully.

Courtney Orr

President of the Board of Directors

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