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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

We are the former and current law clerks of the Honorable Amy J. St. Eve. Collectively, we have worked with Judge St. Eve from the first day she became a district judge more than 15 years ago. We are prosecutors, criminal defense lawyers, corporate litigators, regulatory attorneys, public interest lawyers, and civil rights practitioners. We work for big, mid-sized, and boutique firms. We operate solo practices. We are in-house counsel. One of us has clerked for her for more than a decade. We practice in Chicago, on the East Coast, on the West Coast, and in the South. But we write as one to enthusiastically provide our full support for Judge St. Eve's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Simply put, she is everything a judge should be. Judge St. Eve has undeniable integrity. She is intelligent, efficient, and hard working. She is decisive, fair, patient, and respectful of all parties. These are not simply our biased impressions of her. After clerking for Judge St. Eve, we have learned of her reputation in the legal community. Attorneys consistently praise her judicial skills, her intellect, and the respect she shows all litigants.

In her 15½ years on the bench, Judge St. Eve has presided over some of the most difficult and high-profile cases in the Northern District of Illinois. She has thrived under that pressure, bringing her characteristic blend of thoroughness and pragmatism to her cases without fail.

Judge St. Eve has a firm understanding of constitutional law. When presented with challenging constitutional matters, she applies Supreme Court precedent rigorously and faithfully.

Her rulings overwhelmingly have been affirmed on appeal, even in tough matters. Additionally, Judge St. Eve is extraordinarily generous toward her peers, regularly volunteering to help district judges with their cases, offering to take over motion and status calls when needed, and mentoring new judges.

Despite having so many challenging cases and taking on additional work, she manages her docket effectively. Her caseload is consistently among the lowest in the district because of her organization and decisiveness.

Judge St. Eve exhibits the same attributes both on and off the bench. She is a mentor to her law clerks, teaching us about the law and courtroom practices, guiding us, and giving us part of her unending patience. She shows us how to thrive in our careers while balancing work and home life, which she does remarkably well.

Judge St. Eve is uniquely qualified and capable. We wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Respectfully,

The Clerks of the Hon. Amy J. St. Eve

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