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The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chair The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re:

Letter of Support for attorney Brian E. Murphy, Nominee for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We write to support the nomination of Brian E. Murphy to serve as a United States District Court judge for the District of Massachusetts. As judges from the Massachusetts state district court, we are familiar with attorney Murphy from his sixteen years of experience as a trial lawyer in Worcester County. Attorney Murphy has distinguished himself as an excellent trial lawyer and a significant contributor to the Worcester legal community. He has the qualities necessary to be a Federal Court judge—intelligence, extensive experience, compassion, steady temperament, and integrity.

Attorney Murphy is an excellent trial lawyer. He has a sharp intellect is always thoroughly prepared. He handles all cases, big and small, with professionalism. He is highly regarded by all members of the local legal community including judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, probation officers, court security, and clerical staff. He treats everyone with dignity and respect.

Attorney Murphy has become a pillar of the local legal community. He started his own law firm which has grown in a short amount of time to be one of the most respected firms in the area. While growing his firm, he continued to give back to the legal community. He served for years as a supervisor for lawyers taking court appointed criminal defense cases. In that capacity, he worked with the court and lawyers to help support the legal skills of newer lawyers and helped assure criminal defendants got adequate representation. Attorney Murphy regularly participates in legal trainings on State and Federal Court issues. Attorney Murphy has been an active member of the Worcester County Bar Association where he supports the goals of increasing collegiality and professionalism.

Attorney Murphy has the personal characteristics to be a Federal District Court judge. While attorney Murphy zealously represents his clients' interests in and out of court, he cooperates with everyone in the criminal justice system and always displays an even temperament. He has shown himself to be compassionate to people struggling with substance use disorders and mental health challenges. He is hard working and ethical. He is busy handling many professional and volunteer obligations and yet he always remains unflappable. We highly recommend attorney Brian Murphy to be a Federal District Court judge.

Sincerely

Hon. David Despotopulos

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