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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Re: Recommendation of Mark Bennett for the U.S. Circuit Court for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write to express my **support** for the nomination of **Mark Bennett** to become a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. My colleagues wrote to you earlier this week in support of Mr. Bennett's nomination. I share their views and would like to join in their letter.

As Attorney General of Illinois since 2003, I had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Bennett when he served as the Attorney General of Hawaii. As Attorney General of Hawaii, Mr. Bennett handled a broad range of complex cases on behalf of the people of his state. In his role as the leader of the Antitrust Committee and the Executive Working Group for Antitrust for the National Association of Attorneys General, Mr. Bennett demonstrated both his exceptional legal skills and his effective leadership.

I join my colleagues in the belief that Mr. Bennett will serve the Ninth Circuit and the American public well. His experience, integrity and proven judgment will make him a successful judge.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Madigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Madigan" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Madigan
Attorney General of Illinois