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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to you in support of President Donald J. Trump's nomination of Michael C. Martin to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan at a time of rising antisemitism. This alarming wave is well-documented and includes a series of planned terrorist attacks against our community in Michigan. In this light, we urge you to confirm Mr. Martin–a life-long public servant dedicated to protecting the rule of law and our national security.

Much of Mr. Martin's career has focused on fighting the dangers of radical Islamic terrorism. Early on in the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), he worked to successfully prosecute an Al-Qaeda terrorist who tried to blow up an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day. He has also worked on a case involving a terrorist who planted a bomb near a grocery store in Israel that killed and wounded innocent people. Mr. Martin later convicted a man from Michigan who joined the Islamic State as a soldier and fought against American forces in Iraq and Syria. As Chief of the Criminal Division since May 2025, Mr. Martin led the USAO's successful effort this past October to foil a plot by several young extremists to commit a terror attack on Halloween. Those defendants targeted the Jewish community, among others. And just months ago, he stepped-up to tireless work during the Hezbollah-inspired terrorist attack against the Temple Israel Synagogue in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Mr. Martin has proven over his 20-year career that he will uphold the law and, thereby, protect the Nation and our community.

Very Truly Yours,

Michael Berger
President