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The Hon. Chuck Grassley
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United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Prof. Jennifer Mascott for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

I write to support Professor Jennifer Mascott's nomination for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She would be an ideal judge.

For three years, Professor Mascott and I co-directed a major legal research center at George Mason University: the Antonin Scalia Law School's C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State. The center was founded in 2016 by then-Professor (now Judge) Neomi Rao, to encourage academic research and dialogue on administrative law and related constitutional issues.

Professor Mascott joined as co-executive director in 2021, when she returned to the law school's faculty after serving in the Justice Department. As many have already noted for this committee, Professor Mascott's research on the Constitution's separation of powers and administrative law has been excellent and impactful. Her articles highlight and explain major points of constitutional law on the relationship between courts and agencies.

At the Gray Center, she organized a wide variety of academic conferences, dialogues, and debates. She also built a Separation of Powers Clinic, so that students could learn constitutional law firsthand through direct experience in legal brief writing.

The clinic was only one way in which Professor Mascott connected her academic work to real-world governance. As this committee knows, she testified often before congressional committees on major issues of constitutional law.

My own enormous respect for Professor Mascott long predates our time working together. We first met many years ago, at a conference for lawyers interested in academic careers. From our very first conversation—about the research idea that would eventually become her landmark work on the Constitution's provision for "Officers"—it was clear to me that she would be a genuinely brilliant and significant legal scholar. I continue to learn from her work and to enjoy our friendship.

As her friend and colleague, I have seen firsthand how clerkships for Justice Thomas and now-Justice Kavanaugh shaped her understanding of the judicial office—its profound responsibilities, and the qualities of character that our Constitution's judiciary requires. With that in mind, I urge the Senate to confirm her nomination to the Third Circuit.

Respectfully,

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