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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

(via email and USPS)

Re: Nomination of Jennifer Mascott to the Third Circuit

Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin:

We are members of the George Washington University Law School faculty and are writing to express our support of Jennifer Mascott's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Ms. Mascott is a distinguished lawyer and law professor with excellent credentials. In addition to teaching law at GW, many of the undersigned have substantial professional experience in private practice, government, and non-profit organizations where we have regularly advocated for clients before the judiciary. Thus, we understand the importance of appointing highly qualified individuals to the bench. Ms. Mascott has consistently performed at the highest level and demonstrated remarkable intellect, leadership, and ability. We do not all share the same judicial philosophy, and no doubt some of us disagree with aspects of hers, but we have no doubt that she possesses the requisite qualifications, judicial temperament, and impartiality to be an outstanding judge.

Ms. Mascott attended GW Law School after obtaining her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, where she earned a B.S. in Mathematics and Govt & Politics and was a member of *Phi Beta Kappa*. Upon entering GW Law School, she quickly stood out, compiling an incredible academic record in each of her three years. She never received a grade lower than an A, and approximately two-thirds of her grades were A+s. In fact, in her third year, she earned all A+ grades, and graduated with an astounding 4.22 cumulative G.P.A. This was, and remains, the highest G.P.A. anyone has ever earned in the history of GW Law School. In fact, several of her professors reported that upon grading her exams, they thought to themselves that her answers were better than their answer keys. Not surprisingly, Ms. Mascott graduated first in the Class of 2006, collecting almost all of the top academic awards given out at graduation. In addition, due to her remarkable humility, kindness, and professionalism, she was, in our recollection, universally liked and respected by her peers from across the ideological spectrum.

Ms. Mascott's post-graduation experiences are as impressive as her achievements in law school. After graduating, Ms. Mascott clerked for Judge Brett Kavanaugh on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and then for Justice Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court of the United States. After taking some time off to have children, she returned to GW Law as an Adjunct Professor from 2011-15 to teach Administrative Law to our students. She was well-liked and a natural teacher. After completing a two-year Fellowship at Georgetown Law Center, Ms. Mascott was hired as an Assistant Professor of Law at George Mason University's Scalia Law School where she taught a variety of courses including Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, and Separation of Powers. Most recently, she joined Catholic University's Columbus School of Law as a tenured Associate Professor of Law. She has also been a prolific and impactful scholar in the field of Administrative Law, authoring a casebook, several book chapters, and a number of widely-cited law review articles.

What makes Ms. Mascott all the more remarkable is that she has accomplished all of this while dealing with a recent personal tragedy. She has four minor children and several years ago her husband was diagnosed with late-stage cancer and passed away within months. She has done a remarkable job of continuing her career and caring for her children during this difficult period. It is a testament to her strength of character.

In sum, Jennifer Mascott is one of the finest graduates that GW Law School has ever produced and is very well qualified to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We urge your Committee to approve her nomination.

Sincerely,

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