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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair – Senate Judiciary Committee

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Senate Judiciary Committee

c/o Camille Varone – VIA EMAIL

RE: Letter of Recommendation in Support of Trevor Pemberton's Nomination for Federal Judicial Appointment

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Durbin:

I am writing to offer my strongest recommendation in support of Trevor Pemberton's nomination for a judicial appointment to the United States Eastern District of Oklahoma. I have known Mr. Pemberton for many years in my capacity as a fellow Oklahoma lawyer. I have had the privilege of observing his exceptional legal ability, unwavering integrity, and steadfast commitment to the administration of justice. He possesses the professional competence, judicial temperament, and dedication to public service that I believe you would agree are essential qualifications for the federal bench.

Professional Competence and Legal Ability

Mr. Pemberton is an attorney of exceptional skill and intellectual rigor, serving as a Special District Judge in Oklahoma County, then a District Judge, serving as Chief Judge of the Juvenile Justice System and then as a member of Oklahoma's Court of Appeals. He voluntarily left that prestigious position to serve as General Counsel to Oklahoma's governor. In that position, he oversaw many weighty and contentious issues with grace and dignity. I had the privilege to co-counsel with him when he was General Counsel and then when he pivoted to private practice, I have chosen him to mediate complex matters. As a mediator, I rate him a 10+ out of ten.

Mr. Pemberton's peers and adversaries alike recognize not only his formidable legal mind but his impeccable character, no matter what comes his way. He consistently produces work



product that is well-reasoned, thoroughly researched, and grounded in sound legal principles. His ability to analyze statutes, apply precedent, and craft persuasive arguments reflects the intellectual capacity and legal acumen necessary for service on the federal bench.

Integrity, Character, and Temperament

Mr. Pemberton possesses unimpeachable integrity and a character that has earned the respect of the entire legal community. He conducts himself with honesty, professionalism, and ethical clarity in every aspect of his practice. I have never witnessed Mr. Pemberton engage in conduct that was misleading, unfair, or inconsistent with the highest ethical standards of our profession.

Beyond integrity, Mr. Pemberton demonstrates the temperament essential for judicial service. He is patient, thoughtful, and measured in his approach to legal disputes. He listens carefully to opposing viewpoints, considers all sides of an issue, and responds with courtesy and respect even in contentious matters. His demeanor is calm and professional, and he treats everyone—clients, colleagues, court personnel, and adversaries—with dignity.

Fairness and Impartiality

Mr. Pemberton understands that the role of a federal judge requires neutrality, independence, and a commitment to equal justice under law. He has the intellectual honesty and moral courage to apply the law faithfully, regardless of the outcome or its popularity.

Commitment to Public Service

Throughout his career, Mr. Pemberton has demonstrated a profound commitment to public service and the betterment of the legal system. His willingness to serve extends beyond professional obligations. Mr. Pemberton has consistently prioritized the public interest, often at personal and financial cost. His decision to seek appointment to the federal bench is a natural extension of his lifelong dedication to the rule of law and the fair administration of justice.

Leadership within the Legal Profession and Community

Mr. Pemberton is a respected leader within both the legal profession and the broader community. Colleagues across the political and ideological spectrum respect Mr. Pemberton and value his contributions. He has earned a reputation as a thoughtful, principled, and effective advocate for the legal profession and the communities it serves.

Personal Observations and Qualifications

I have had the privilege of witnessing Mr. Pemberton's qualifications firsthand in various settings and intense situations. On all occasions, he has shown the deportment I believe we all want in a federal judge.



Mr. Pemberton embodies the qualities of legal knowledge combined with wisdom, humility, and respect for the responsibility that judges' decisions beg. He understands that judicial decisions profoundly affect the lives of litigants, families, and communities, and I have no doubt he will approach that responsibility with the gravity and care it demands.

Conclusion

Mr. Pemberton is exceptionally well-qualified to serve as a federal judge. He possesses the legal ability, integrity, temperament, impartiality, and commitment to public service that are essential for this role. His nomination has my unqualified support, and I am confident that he will serve with distinction, fairness, and a steadfast dedication to the rule of law.

I respectfully urge you to give Mr. Pemberton's nomination your most favorable consideration. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss his qualifications further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Plaxico".

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