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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

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

Re: Confirmation of the nomination of attorney:
Anthony J. Powell to be a United States District Judge
for the District of Kansas

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley:

I am writing to encourage your and the Judiciary Committee's support for the Presidential nomination of attorney Anthony J. Powell, "Tony" to be a United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

I recently retired after thirty years as the managing member of Patterson Legal Group, L.C., a plaintiff-oriented law firm in Wichita Kansas. I met Tony while we were attending the Washburn University Law School in Topeka Kansas in 1989. During law school we both worked for about one year as law clerks for the Shawnee County Kansas District Court Judges.

I believe that my longtime personal and professional relationship with Tony makes me uniquely qualified to comment on his integrity, professional competence and judicial temperament.

INTEGRITY:

Tony worked as of-counsel at my law firm for about two years from 1995 to 1997. Although I was aware at the time that our political views differed, I already knew from law school that he genuinely cared about people particularly those less fortunate than him. Many clients expressed to me their appreciation for the legal guidance that Tony provided them during the early years of his career. Although we eventually went separate ways on our career path Wichita has a relatively small legal community. I can say that I have never heard anything that



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would call into question his integrity. He has been married to his wife Betty since law school and has successfully raised four wonderful children.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE:

Tony's resume speaks for itself about his professional competence. Following his six years in private practice, Tony was a successful and highly respected state court judge in Sedgwick County Kansas for approximately ten years. Following that he was a highly respected judge for the Kansas Court of Appeals for around 9 years. From my experience he had a reputation of being fair and impartial by both the plaintiff's bar and the defense bar. His professional and judicial competence is second to none.

JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT:

During my thirty five-years of knowing, working with and observing Tony's conduct in this relatively small community, I know he is passionate about being fair and open-minded. He is very humble and does his best to set aside any political views when he is making decisions on the bench. He genuinely cares about people and has dedicated most of his working life to serving others. He has a reputation for being courteous and respectful to attorneys that appear before him. Tony will be a phenomenal Federal District Court Judge and I believe our community will greatly benefit from his service in this capacity.

Thank you both for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Patterson", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary E. Patterson

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