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March 30, 2018

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

It is an honor and a privilege to write in support of the nomination of Mark J. Bennett to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. As Executive Director of The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, I have had the great fortune to work closely with Mr. Bennett for more than fifteen years.

During his eight-year tenure as the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i, Mark consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the complex issues surrounding sexual violence and how to appropriately respond to the needs of victims.

In addition to his mastery of the law, Mark's leadership and compassion for vulnerable individuals were critical in materially improving the safety and well-being of many thousands of sexual assault victims in Hawai'i. In particular, Mark was key to the expansion of direct services by a network of sexual assault centers in each county through the establishment and funding of the Department of the Attorney General's Statewide Sexual Assault Services Master Contract.

Upon leaving office, Mark further demonstrated his commitment to public service by joining SATC's Advisory Board on a voluntary basis. As an Advisory Board member, he has been an active and tireless advocate for victims, demonstrating critical thinking and a strategic, balanced approach when providing guidance on a range of issues, from state policy questions to how to improve our programs.

Mark is the consummate professional, a great communicator, and a formidable intellect who always follows through on his commitments and graciously acknowledges those with whom he shares successes. Consequently, Mark is widely respected by everyone who has had the opportunity to interact with him.

In summary, Mark Bennett will make an outstanding Federal Court Judge. The people of Hawai'i have been well-served through Mark's work and his leadership in the community, and I have full confidence in Mark's ability to serve the United States with full faith and excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Adriana Ramelli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adriana" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ramelli".

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