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The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write in unqualified support for the nomination of Kirk E. Sherriff to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. The depth and breadth of his legal knowledge and his keen intellect make him exceptionally well qualified for the position of U.S. District Court Judge. Additionally, Mr. Sherriff possess a strong commitment to justice and fairness which bodes well for his judicial demeanor.

I have known Mr. Sherriff since he first became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the E.D. CA, where I served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge from 1990 to 2012. Mr. Sherriff appeared before me in the both civil and criminal cases for over a decade. He was without fail knowledgable, well prepared, thoughtful and diligent in prosecuting and defending cases on behalf of the United States. Above all Mr. Sherriff distinguished himself, in my mind, with his commitment to justice. Unlike some AUSA's, he didn't overreach and never used the power of the Government as a bludgeon; and yet he was always a consistent and effective representative of the United States, never backing down from a tough case.

I believe Mr. Sherriff will be an excellent U.S. District Court Judge and I urge you to confirm him without undue delay.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis Beck