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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
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RE: Kirk E. Sherriff  
Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court  
Eastern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing on behalf of the San Joaquin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, in Fresno, California, to voice strong and unqualified support from our chapter for the President's nomination of Assistant United States Attorney Kirk Sherriff to the position of District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

As you may be aware, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, with a caseload of 1,300 cases per judgeship (almost twice the national average), the Eastern District plainly needs to fill the current vacancy as soon as that can reasonably be accomplished. This enormous caseload impacts every litigant in our district - including individuals, farmers, agricultural businesses and others - potentially delaying justice for each party in a given case and diminishing the attention and consideration each case receives.

While it is not always FBA policy to endorse particular candidates or nominees, Mr. Sherriff is uniquely qualified for this position and thus deserves our support. He has worked in

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the Fresno division of the U.S. Attorney's office since 2002, and since 2015 has served as Chief of the District's Fresno office, overseeing all criminal prosecutions and government-related civil lawsuits in the region. He is widely respected in our district and among members of the bar who have practiced and worked with him, as well as those who have litigated against him. He possesses an unimpeachable reputation for skillful, effective, ethical conduct in every facet of his work.


In addition, Mr. Sherriff has been a consistent and passionate contributor to the Central Valley community as a longtime member of the Federal Bar Association chapter board. In this capacity he has participated in numerous outreach programs to local high schools, including an annual civil rights history program, and an annual Open Doors program inviting students into the courthouse for mock trials. As a father of three, he clearly recognizes the value of educating the younger generations.

With a glowing resume and flawless reputation, we as a Chapter are confident he is the right individual for this appointment.

We are hopeful that the Committee will allow Mr. Sherriff's nomination to proceed to a vote of the full Senate. We need District Judges like him in our district. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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