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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
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RE: Nomination of Julius Ness Richardson for U. S. Circuit Judge for the
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are writing this letter in support of Julius Jay Richardson's nomination for United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. We have known Jay for years and have worked closely with him since he became Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina in 2009.

We, along with our Agents, have worked numerous matters with Jay. During our many dealings, Jay has shown a strong sense of fair play and is always committed to do the right thing. We have great respect for Jay's character, honesty, and integrity.

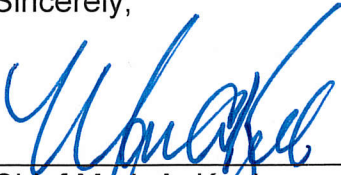
Jay has impressive intelligence and thoughtfulness, broad experience, and a strong ability to communicate clearly and concisely. Maybe most importantly, he thoroughly prepares and then has the courage to apply the applicable law to the facts and circumstances, whatever the outcome.

Jay was the primary Assistant United States Attorney working with our Agents following the arrest of Dylann Roof, who was responsible for killing nine people at a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina. Throughout the investigation and proceedings that resulted in Roof's conviction, Jay demonstrated the highest professionalism, complete competence, and a strong commitment to fair play and doing the right thing at every step.

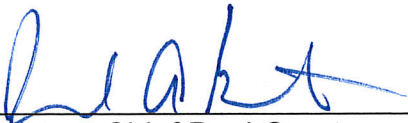
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It is our unreserved opinion that Jay will be a credit to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and we wholeheartedly endorse him for the position.

Sincerely,



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