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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate 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

Re: Nomination of Stephen Clark to the United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Missouri

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein

It is with great honor I write to support the nomination of Stephen Clark as a judge to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. I have known Steve for well over a decade as a partner and a professional colleague and he has always been a man of integrity and the highest moral character.

I do not consider myself a Republican or a Democrat. I have voted for, campaigned for and contributed to both political parties and I believe Steve will be like all good jurists and put personal politics aside. Steve knows the difference between political and legal issues. He will be impartial, do his best to follow the law wherever it may lead. He also writes well and I am confident he will produce well-written independent decisions.

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We all want and deserve a high-caliber judiciary. Steve is just such an individual. He is committed to the Rule of Law and will decide each case without regard to politics or personal preferences. He will also be scrupulously fair and consistent. Therefore, I strongly urge the Senate to confirm Stephen Clark to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Schmidt', with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

Douglas Schmidt

DJS/sm

cc: Senator Claire McCaskill
Senator Roy Blunt