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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Nomination of Kevin Ritz for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin,

I am writing to express my support for President Biden's nomination of Kevin Ritz to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Ritz's dedication to public service is ardent and proven. He is currently the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and has had years of experience with the federal court system. He began his service there as a clerk for Judge Julia Gibbons of the Sixth Circuit and went on to serve in significant roles at the U.S. Attorney's Office overseeing trials and appeals as Appellate Chief, Criminal Appellate Chief, and Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney. While carrying the important duties of these positions, he also supported the development and dignity of the bar through his service with entities such as the American Inn of Court, the Tennessee Bar Association, the National Advocacy Center, the Mid-South Federal Bar Association, and the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibilities.

Locally, Mr. Ritz is known to be "tough but fair." He has an excellent read of local and national community needs and how legal proceedings can address or impact those needs. Under his leadership, prosecutions have included Covid-19 relief fraud schemes, the police officers involved in the death of Tyre Nichols, and countless violent crimes. He has launched initiatives to address violent crimes such as the National Security and Civil Rights Unit. He has partnered with federal and local law enforcement, government, and the community to support these efforts.

Mr. Ritz is an excellent selection for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals as he has the much-needed legal experience, temperament, leadership abilities, and passion for public service that make him such an excellent candidate. Without reservation, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Ritz for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I respectfully ask that you confirm his nomination.

Best regards,

Marlinee Iverson
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