

April 10, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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RE: Rebecca Pennell, nominee for United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee members,

It is my honor to write in my personal capacity to endorse the nomination of Judge Rebecca Pennell to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. I worked with Ms. Pennell when she was a trial attorney and appellate counsel with the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho in several complex federal criminal cases and have the utmost confidence in her intellect, integrity, and work ethic. During that time and in addition to working a very full case load, Judge Pennell also created federal drug court teams in both Yakima and Richland that were very successful.

I am currently a commissioned police officer in the state of Washington and have worked in the criminal justice field for over 20 years. I am presently a Detective with the Spokane Police Department in Spokane, Washington. I strongly recommend her appointment to the District Court Bench in the Eastern District of Washington; to borrow from Harper Lee, I'm no idealist to believe firmly in the integrity of our courts and in the jury system – that is no ideal to me, it is a living, working reality.

If you, any of your colleagues, or your staff have any questions or would like additional information, I would be happy to talk with you further. Thank you for considering this information.

Very truly yours,



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