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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Rebecca Taibleson to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are current and former employees of the U.S. Department of Justice who write to express our enthusiastic and unqualified support for Rebecca's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. We have witnessed first-hand her top-notch legal mind, her unwavering commitment to the rule of law, and her deep and abiding love for this country during her nearly decade-long service within the Department.

We support Rebecca for many reasons, but three stand out. First, Rebecca is a brilliant legal thinker with exceptional legal judgment. While she was an Assistant to the Solicitor General—representing the United States in front of the Supreme Court—she tackled some of the most difficult legal questions facing the country. These were questions that had reached the Nation's highest court precisely because the lower courts could not agree on how to resolve them. And yet, in Rebecca's hands, the questions became easy. That is because Rebecca is that rare legal talent who is just as comfortable reasoning from abstract first principles as she is sifting through real-world facts—and who is just as much at home arguing before the nine Justices as she is speaking to a jury.

Second, Rebecca is a devoted public servant who is steadfastly committed to public safety. As an Assistant United States Attorney, she has worked tirelessly to hold accountable those who have violated the Nation's laws and give some measure of justice to the victims of crime. In each prosecution, Rebecca's work reflects diligence and a commitment to following the facts and the law wherever they lead. Her legal acumen is also demonstrated by her ability to bring cases before grand juries, try them in district court, and defend them on appeal.

Third, Rebecca is an ideal colleague and a natural leader. People gravitate to her because she conveys a genuine warmth and compassion, because she is humble and self-deprecating, and because she treats others with respect and kindness. It should come as no surprise, then, that Rebecca is a leader within the Department—not only as Appellate Chief in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, but also as head of the Appellate Chiefs Working Group and a member of the

Attorney General's Advisory Committee. In those roles, Rebecca has provided thoughtful and principled leadership, earning the trust and respect of those who work alongside her.

All of these qualities make Rebecca an extraordinary lawyer, public servant, and colleague. They also make her particularly well suited to be a federal circuit judge. We are proud to support Rebecca's nomination to the Seventh Circuit, and we have no doubt that, if confirmed, she would make an outstanding addition to the federal judiciary.

Sincerely,

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