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Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Honorable Dick Durbin
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The undersigned current and former attorneys of Kirkland & Ellis LLP write to convey our unqualified and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Rebecca Taibleson for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The support for Rebecca at Kirkland & Ellis is widespread. The attorneys submitting this letter come from different offices of the Firm and include senior partners and peers who have worked with Rebecca in a variety of professional settings. We have diverse political and jurisprudential views, but we all firmly believe that Rebecca has the intellect, judgment, and temperament to be an outstanding member of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kirkland & Ellis was privileged to have Rebecca join us for the early part of her impressive legal career. With her outstanding record in law school and her service as a law clerk to both then-Judge Kavanaugh on the D.C. Circuit and Justice Scalia on the Supreme Court, Rebecca was highly sought after by a number of leading national law firms. Kirkland & Ellis was fortunate to have Rebecca choose our firm.

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For those of us who worked with Rebecca, it was clear from the outset that she was an exceptionally brilliant lawyer. She quickly grasped the most complex legal concepts and consistently developed thoughtful, clear, and effective legal analysis on behalf of clients. Throughout her tenure at Kirkland, Rebecca stood out among her peers, and she consistently received rave reviews from senior partners with whom she worked.

While at Kirkland, Rebecca routinely confronted complex legal issues. No matter the issue, she always demonstrated the intellect, curiosity, and judgment needed to get to the right result. As an associate, she presented argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and briefed a diverse range of legal issues in complex cases. Rebecca complemented her very fine legal and appellate skills with the traditional fact work of a trial lawyer: preparing and defending witnesses for testimony, taking depositions, and developing the factual record. In doing so, Rebecca became the “complete lawyer” who not only navigates complicated legal challenges, but also understands the human dimensions of the cases in which she is involved and the effect that legal rules and doctrines have on the real people who must follow them.

Rebecca eventually left Kirkland to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, ultimately rising to Appellate Chief of that office. Rebecca’s quick rise in government came as no surprise to her Kirkland colleagues who understood she had both the intelligence and the integrity to excel as a prosecutor. Her work in Milwaukee soon drew the attention of colleagues in Washington, D.C., where President Trump’s Justice Department invited Rebecca to join the Solicitor General’s office. Through these senior roles in government, Rebecca gained extensive experience as an appellate advocate, arguing twice in the Supreme Court of the United States and 18 times in federal courts of appeal, while briefing and supervising dozens more appellate cases in federal courts. It would be hard to find an appellate lawyer of Rebecca’s age with more varied and significant federal appellate experience. She is uniquely and indisputably qualified to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

In conclusion, we would like to express our strongest support for Rebecca Taibleson’s nomination. She is a brilliant lawyer with a great legal mind who has dedicated her life and career to public service. Her respectful treatment of colleagues, opponents, and people of all stripes

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demonstrates that she also has the personal qualities and temperament to be a fair but firm judge in any case that comes before her. In short, we believe she will be an outstanding judge and the Nation will be fortunate to have her serve in this role. We strongly support her confirmation.

Sincerely,

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