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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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**Re: The Honorable Cristal Brisco
Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Indiana**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write with enthusiastic support for the nomination of Cristal Brisco to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Brisco's sharp intellect, uncompromising ethics, and even judicial temperament make her an ideal candidate for the federal bench.

I am fortunate to know Judge Brisco in a number of settings – as a client representative, as a mentor to me, and to observe her on the bench. I worked with her for years as outside counsel when she was Corporation Counsel for the City of South Bend. She was actively engaged in our matters together, displayed profound intellectual curiosity about all areas of the law, and challenged her counsel to provide the best work product possible. Working with her made me a better lawyer.

On a more personal note, Judge Brisco has also been generous with her time and wisdom. I have looked to her as a peer mentor in both a professional and personal capacity. She has taught me how to balance providing exceptional client service, engaging in volunteer work, and being a present mother to my

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young children. Seeing her fulfill all these roles at once with grace, dedication, and humor has been a wonderful example not only for me but many others in our community. She truly has an open-door policy and is always willing to help.

Finally, Judge's Brisco's reputation as a St. Joseph County Superior Judge is exemplary. Any counsel or litigant in her court knows that they will be treated with dignity, respect, and kindness. At the same time, Judge Brisco does not shy away from making hard decisions because she is always thoroughly prepared, fair, and approaches her decisions with the utmost integrity.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there's any information I can provide about my experiences with Judge Brisco. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thao T. Nguyen', followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Thao T. Nguyen