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Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
United States Senator

Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
United States Senator

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Honorable Daniel M. Traynor to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Grassley and Senator Durbin:

My name is Randi Hanson. I am a practicing attorney in Grand Forks, North Dakota. I am a trial lawyer who has predominantly represented health care clients in medical malpractice litigation over the last 35 years. I have tried numerous multi-week jury trials in my career in North Dakota and Minnesota state Courts, and the Federal Courts in North Dakota. I have also appeared several times in the Eighth Circuit on appeals and numerous times in State Court appeals in both North Dakota and Minnesota. I am a member of a number of peer reviewed organizations including the American College of Trial Attorneys.

I have had at least one case against Judge Daniel Traynor years ago and found him to be a reasonable and respectful colleague in carrying out litigation. In addition, I had a multi-week medical malpractice trial in front of Judge Traynor in Federal Court in Bismarck, North Dakota in November of 2021. Judge Traynor treated the litigants with respect. He made difficult rulings on timing of witnesses in order to fit the trial into the allotted time limits. The attorneys involved were concerned with the time constraints to begin with, but conceded that it was likely a benefit to all to get the matter completed in a more efficient manner. There were four sets of defense counsel involved in the matter and the rulings required a more efficient method of questioning witnesses amongst defense counsel which truly did result in a more efficient use of judicial resources. Judge Traynor's rulings relative to other issues in the case were reasonably made and supported by the law and the facts. He treated the attorneys involved in the case very well and kept reasonable order in the Courtroom while affording all of the parties and counsel respect in the process.

Based on my experience with Judge Traynor both personally and professionally, I would support Judge Daniel Traynor in his nomination to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall S. Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "H".

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