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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking, Member
Committee on Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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RE: Nomination of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Feinstein:

It is with great pleasure I write to you to express my strong support of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch, presently serving on the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia. Judge Branch is currently under consideration by the U.S. Senate Committee of Judiciary of appointment as a member of the Eleventh Circuit, United States Court of Appeals.

As a practicing attorney, I have followed the work of Judge Branch as a member of our Court of Appeals since her appointment in September 2012. In reading the decisions she has authored it is obvious she has an exceptional understanding of law and legal principles to be applied to factual problems.

Judge Branch has served in several important United States governmental offices for which she distinguished herself as an attorney. In addition, she served as a law clerk to a U.S. District Court Judge, the Honorable J. Owen Forrester. All of which illustrate her extensive knowledge of federal law.

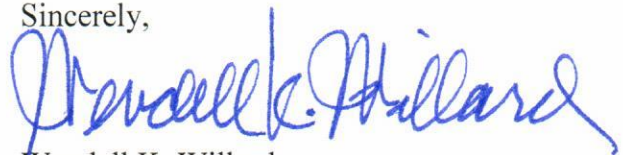
Judge Branch is extremely well regarded in the legal community of our state for her fairness and impartiality to all parties appearing before her. She embodies all the qualities we expect of a jurist.

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I proudly express to you my absolute support of the appointment of Judge Elizabeth L. Branch as Judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Please express this support to all members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,



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Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

Cc: Honorable David Perdue, U.S. Senator
Honorable Johnny Isakson, U.S. Senator