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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for the Nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr.
as Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write to you today in support of the nomination of Marvin Quattlebaum as a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. I have known Marvin for 20 years, and I can say quite honestly that he is one of the finest people I know.

Over the last two decades, I have had the pleasure of practicing law alongside Marvin Quattlebaum in several capacities: first, as a young associate in private practice, second, as a junior in-house counsel, and most recently, as the leader of a corporate law department. With each experience and in each capacity, I have grown only more impressed.

In 1998, as an associate attorney with Nelson Mullins in South Carolina, I began to work for Marvin in his capacity as a litigation partner with the firm. I had the opportunity to watch Marvin interact with firm colleagues, both junior and senior to him, clients, and opposing counsel. As a young member of the bar, Marvin's example of advocacy, professionalism, and diligence left a high watermark. His work ethic was, and remains to this day, legendary. Regardless of the challenge, Marvin's conduct remained beyond reproach, always on the high road, and his example for those of us aspiring to a successful legal career was compelling.

Several years thereafter, I joined the corporate law department at Michelin North America, and in this capacity, became a client of Marvin Quattlebaum's. My job responsibilities entailed the selection of trial counsel to represent and defend Michelin in contested litigations. Having observed first hand Marvin's intellect, demeanor, and advocacy skills, it seemed only logical to select him to represent Michelin before juries and judges. Marvin's representation of our company consistently exceeded our expectations. He was a staunch defender for our company, a persuasive and learned advocate, respectful of opposing parties and respected uniformly by opposing counsel and the courts in front of whom he appeared.

Throughout my career at Michelin and most recently in my current capacity as a senior lawyer for the company, Marvin has been a close advisor and trusted counselor. His



approach to problem solving, his thoughtful judgment, and his moral compass have been a tremendous asset to me personally, to our company, and I dare say, to all of his clients. His recent ascension to the federal judiciary only served to broaden the scope of those who would be well served by his talents and his character.

As someone who has trusted Marvin's judgment and ethics for decades, I recommend him wholeheartedly to you as a jurist and a scholar. Marvin's work ethic, impartiality, and integrity are the epitome of what any litigant or attorney would hope to find on the bench. He is an example to the bar, he is a stellar representative of the bench, and for all of us, a much sought-after reminder of what civility and professionalism should look like.

I remain at your disposal, and with appreciation for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Valerie P. Williams