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The Honorable Chuck Grassley (R-IA) Chairperson
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

The Honorable Dick Durbin (D-IL) Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: Recommendation of Phillip W. Williams, Jr. to serve as US Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and honorable members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Bryan Taylor. I am a former US Army judge advocate and Iraq veteran, a former State Senator, and I have also served as a legal advisor on the staff of two Alabama governors, most recently as Governor Kay Ivey's general counsel. I am now in private practice in Birmingham.

It has been made known to me that the members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary will be taking up the nomination of my good friend, Phil Williams, to serve as the next US Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. Let me start by saying that Phil is the perfect candidate for that job! I have seen him in the courtroom. We have shared cases and clients. He is an outstanding trial attorney.

Phil and I were both elected to the Alabama State Senate together in 2010 and shared an office suite. We got to know each other well, often co-sponsored legislation together, and sat next to each other on the Senate floor. He was a leader in our caucus and served as the Chairman of one of the largest Senate Committees (the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development) and as the Vice-Chair of Senate Judiciary.

I also know Phil militarily. Phil is an Airborne/Ranger-qualified Infantry Officer who served two highly decorated tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As a result of his unique service record, he was called upon to serve a tour on the Army Staff's Special Operations Division in the Pentagon. When Phil retired as a full Colonel he

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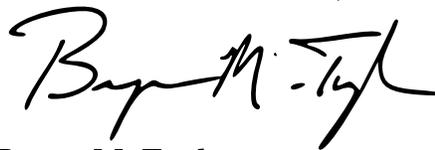
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was awarded the Legion of Merit for his distinguished service. His military bearing is impeccable and lends to his ability to lead.

But more than any of that, Phil is a great friend. We have often talked of practicing law together. When my wife and I recently bought a new home, I called Phil and his wife and asked them to come and pray over our house, which they did without question.

He is a man of integrity. He is the right man to serve our state as a US Attorney. It is my sincere hope that he will receive a favorable report from your committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan M. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a stylized 'T'.

Bryan M. Taylor