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The Honorable Dick Durbin (D-IL) Ranking Member  
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**Re: Recommendation Letter – Senate Judiciary - Phillip Williams for US Attorney**

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Stan McDonald. I have been practicing law in north Alabama for over thirty years. I have also served as a Probate Judge, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor of Alabama, and as a Commissioner with the Alabama Ethics Commission.

I am proud to recommend Phil Williams as the next US Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. It is my understanding that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary will take up his nomination at your upcoming meeting and my sincere hope is that he will receive a favorable report, followed soon thereafter by a final floor vote for confirmation.

I know Phil personally and consider him a true friend. His reputation across our state is that of integrity, faith and leadership. He is a seasoned litigator and well respected in the Courtroom. But more than that, he is known for handling complex cases and attending to their every detail. Phil is also a respected combat veteran who retired with the rank of Colonel, qualified as an Airborne Ranger with two Bronze Star medals. He even rode horses in Afghanistan at the beginning of the war!

I also served on the Board of Phil's media business. I watched him grow an organization from scratch to become a syndicated voice of reason across multiple states. It grew to the point that national figures sought out the opportunity to be interviewed by him as he was known to conduct a well-prepared, respectful and insightful interview of any guest. His ability to communicate his positions gained national attention with mainstream news organizations consistently publishing his written work or scheduling him for commentary.

What I found most interesting was his ability to maintain a thriving legal practice while still growing a media presence. It speaks to Phil's ability to organize, lead and administer – skills which I believe will serve him well as a US Attorney.

But I also know Phil Williams to be a man of faith and integrity. I have been in his home, and seen him with his family. He is the kind of man that I want to see serve my great state and nation as a US Attorney. I believe that he will be fair, judicious, solid, and just.

It is my sincere hope that you will see fit to recommend him to the larger body of the Senate for final confirmation.

Thank you all for your service to the nation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stan McDonald

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