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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

*Re: Nomination of Claria Horn Boom to be United States District Judge
for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I would like to take a moment of your time to add my voice of support for the nomination of Claria Horn Boom to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. I am confident that once each of you have an opportunity to consider Claria's extensive legal qualifications you will conclude that Claria is well qualified to serve as a United States District Court judge.

Although it has been several years since we worked together at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky, I can honestly say that beyond Claria's extensive legal experience, Claria is a humble and caring person, traits which are crucial to serve as a member of the federal judiciary. To best describe Claria, I would like to borrow a quote from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a quote which best describes Claria's legal experience which has prepared her for this most important nomination to be a federal district court judge. In the words of Justice O'Connor, "We don't accomplish anything in the world alone and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that create something." Claria's legal experience is truly a tapestry of more than twenty years of legal experience which has prepared her for this new chapter in life.

When Claria's nomination was first announced, the overwhelming consensus among her colleagues was that Claria was the best choice to replace former Judge Jennifer B. Coffman, a judge who was highly respected in both the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. With that said, let me again borrow from the words of Justice O'Connor to describe what I believe will be the cornerstone of how Claria will approach each person who appears before her in court. As Justice O'Connor so eloquently said, "Do the best you can in every task, no matter how

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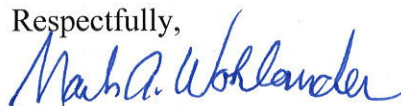
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unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."

In conclusion, I want to thank each of you for taking the time to consider a few humble words from someone who enthusiastically supports Claria Horn Boom. I am confident that once you meet and get to know the Claria Horn Boom I know, you will conclude that Claria should be confirmed to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western District of Kentucky.

Respectfully,



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