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We are writing in our personal capacities to enthusiastically endorse Tiffany Cartwright for the position of United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington. We worked with Ms. Cartwright as appellate law clerks for the Alaska Court System. Ms. Cartwright was a law clerk for now retired Alaska Supreme Court Justice Dana Fabe from 2010 to 2011.

As law clerks, we assisted in resolving cases faced by the Alaska Supreme Court and lower courts. Specifically, we prepared memoranda and assisted with drafting opinions. The Alaska Court System resolved a wide range of cases during the period Ms. Cartwright was a clerk, including on complex and sensitive topics.

Ms. Cartwright was thorough, even-handed, and fair. Law clerks prepare initial memoranda on pending cases and assess the merits of each side's arguments. In the course of this work, Ms. Cartwright was conscientious and unbiased. She displayed the temperament and legal skills necessary to analyze complex legal issues. In addition, Tiffany was a respected and well-liked colleague during her time clerking for the Alaska Supreme Court.

We believe that Ms. Cartwright's work as a law clerk for the Alaska Supreme Court contributes to her qualifications for a position as United States District Court Judge. Her experience as a law clerk for a state court and then a federal court is a sound background for understanding the appropriate roles of federal and state courts.

We believe that Ms. Cartwright will make an excellent federal district court judge and strongly urge the Committee on the Judiciary to approve her nomination.

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Law Clerk to Justice Fabe (2010-2011)

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