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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Subject: Nomination of the Honorable Todd E. Edelman for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of the nomination of the Honorable Todd E. Edelman to be a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. While serving in the George W. Bush administration as an assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I worked closely with Todd's father-in-law, Dr. Stuart Nightingale. Stuart often included me in family gathering where I got to know Todd. Since we are both lawyers, our conversations often turned to the law and Todd's work initially in the Public Defender Services, then in private practice and later as a judge of the Superior Court of the District Columbia. As a consequence of these discussions and my other interactions with Todd for more than 15 years, I have developed a deep and abiding respect for his character, temperament and approach to the law as an advocate and as a judge.

I expect you have received a number of letters detailing Todd's sterling credentials and qualifications. I am pleased to join this group. Todd is precisely the type of judge I would want to appear before. He has earned a reputation as a diligent, knowledgeable, and fair jurist. He is intellectually honest and rigorous and has demonstrated a genuine commitment to public and community service. And Todd is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of lawyers. His *pro bono* representation of low-income resident of DC and his work as an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center are but two examples of Todd's commitment to service.

As he has shown throughout his tenure on the Superior Court bench, Todd will distinguish himself on the District Court and be a credit to the Federal judiciary. His confirmation will serve the interests of justice in the District of Columbia and the Nation. Accordingly, I unreservedly support Todd's nomination to be a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Respectfully,


Stewart Simonson