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

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are all lawyers who had the privilege of serving as law clerks for Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves on either the Delaware Supreme Court or the Delaware Court of Chancery. After our clerkships, we went on to serve in a variety of legal positions. We are attorneys at private law firms, agency lawyers, and in-house counsel. We have varying personal experiences, professional experiences, political views, and judicial philosophies. Yet, we all write to ardently and unequivocally support Justice Montgomery-Reeves' nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves has had an exemplary career. After clerking on the Delaware Court of Chancery, she practiced securities litigation at the prestigious law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. She then went on to practice at an internationally recognized law firm, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she was elevated to the position of partner. Justice Montgomery-Reeves left private practice to serve the State of Delaware as Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery. After holding this position for four years, she was nominated to the Delaware Supreme Court, where she serves today.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves' distinguished career is only one part of what makes her qualified for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She is also an outstanding jurist. We each witnessed firsthand Justice Montgomery-Reeves' incredible intellect, critical thinking skills, and resolute commitment to applying the law in an impartial manner. She works tirelessly to reach the right answer, regardless of what that answer may be or how many drafts it takes to reach it. And because she is humble enough to believe that everyone has something to teach, she listens conscientiously to the parties' contentions, as well as the views of her colleagues and clerks. Her meticulously written and well-reasoned opinions reflect her steady and careful approach to every case.

At the foundation of her commitment to the highest standards of jurisprudence lies Justice Montgomery-Reeves' character. The quality of her character is what made our clerkships such formative and valuable experiences, not just in our legal careers but in our lives. She strives to be the best version of herself, personally and professionally, and this example inspires all of us to do

the same. Despite her busy schedule, Justice Montgomery-Reeves invests wholeheartedly in her clerks. She recognizes, and honors, what is important to each of us—our values, our families, our careers—and supports us in all our pursuits, during our clerkships and beyond. This support takes many forms, from lunches at the best under-the-radar taco shop in Wilmington, to her spare room when you need a place to stay, to infallible advice on any topic at any hour. Her genuine interest in our lives and concern for our well-being and happiness creates a bond that long outlasts our clerkships and makes us proud to support her here.

Clerking for Justice Montgomery-Reeves was one of the greatest distinctions and privileges of our careers. Her intellect, perseverance, and hard-working nature makes her fully qualified for the position of Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,

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