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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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**Re: Former Prosecutors in Support of The Honorable Todd E. Edelman, Nominee
for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia**

As former prosecutors—from U.S. Attorney’s Offices, the Department of Justice proper, and the District of Columbia’s Office of Attorney General—we write to enter our strong support for the nomination of Superior Court Judge Todd E. Edelman to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. We believe that he would make an excellent addition to the federal bench and support his appointment without qualification.

The signatories to this letter come from a diverse range of backgrounds. Although all of us are former prosecutors, some of us are Democrats, some of us are Republicans, and some of us are Independents. We are not signing this letter for partisan reasons. Rather, we are signing it because we know Judge Edelman, we have spent a great deal of time in front of judges, and we have a strong sense of the qualities that make for a good judge. Judge Edelman possesses those qualities in abundance, as he has repeatedly shown throughout his legal career.

Judge Edelman began that career as a judicial clerk in the very courthouse in which, if confirmed, he would go to work every day. Following his clerkship for The Honorable William B. Bryant, for whom the District Court’s Annex is named, Judge Edelman began a distinguished career that consisted almost entirely of representing indigent defendants in criminal court—both at Georgetown University Law Center’s well-respected Criminal Justice Clinic and at the D.C. Public Defender Service. At PDS, he was eventually promoted to Training Director, where he supervised the professional formation of the talented advocates that PDS so famously produces.

Some of the signatories to this letter handled cases against Judge Edelman before he joined the bench. They can confirm that he himself was not only a talented and zealous advocate, but also a collegial opponent. He is smart, meticulous, and personable—qualities that have also served him well as a Superior Court Judge. Those of us who have appeared before him have seen how he treats both the parties and their attorneys with the utmost respect. He actively engages with the arguments from both sides and is careful to explain the rationale behind his decisions. He is truly a judge’s judge.

If Judge Edelman is fortunate enough to be confirmed to the federal bench, we are confident that he will decide cases before him in a fair and just manner, as he has done in Superior Court for the past twelve years. We recommend him without hesitation and hope that you will see fit to support his nomination.

Respectfully,

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