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Re: Nomination of Tiffany Cartwright to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

Tiffany Cartwright will be an exceptional federal judge. We were Tiffany's classmates at Stanford Law School, where we were all impressed by Tiffany's intelligence, collegiality, and generosity. We enthusiastically endorse her nomination to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

At the outset, we note that we represent a broad range of political views and jurisprudential approaches. Among us are members of the Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society, as well as former law clerks to Justices and Judges appointed by Democrats and Republicans. Notwithstanding our political and jurisprudential differences, we are united in our respect for Tiffany. That unity owes to Tiffany's intellectual honesty, integrity, and temperament. She was always interested in our different viewpoints, no matter the subject, in a deeply genuine way. Her interest and engagement showed her constant willingness to keep an open mind.

From the earliest days of law school, it was clear that Tiffany would be a brilliant lawyer. She was always exceptionally well-prepared, offering whip-smart classroom commentary that demonstrated her particular combination of raw intelligence and practical judgment. One classmate recalls Tiffany's intense commitment to her studies — she researched deeply, pored over the facts again and again, and thought through the logical conclusion of each legal argument. It was no surprise to any of us when Tiffany went on to prestigious clerkships on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Alaska Supreme Court.

And when it came time to represent actual clients in Stanford's U.S. Supreme Court law clinic, Tiffany displayed her excellence in writing and rigorous application of legal precedent. Tiffany also showed an understanding that the law affects real people, and that even abstract

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cases before the highest court in the land can have significant consequences for people's daily lives. Tiffany's distinguished career as a litigator and civil rights attorney has proven just how fundamental that principle remains to her.

Tiffany's intelligence is matched only by her collegiality. Classmates recall how Tiffany graciously volunteered her time to help them prepare for Stanford's moot court competition. Assuming the role of a mock judge, Tiffany had a gift for asking incisive and probing questions that cut to the heart of the issues, while always being even-handed and even-keeled in her temperament. She spent additional time providing feedback in an effort to help her classmates excel. She is humble and down-to-earth — qualities that will make her the kind of judge who treats the lawyers and litigants who appear before her with respect, and who understands that there are real people behind the winning and losing side of every case.

In sum, we are confident that Tiffany has the talent, dedication, and fairness to be an outstanding judge, and we urge her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

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