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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Judge Jonathan J.C. Grey

Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Magistrate Judge Jonathan J.C. Grey to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. I believe Judge Grey to be exceptionally well qualified to serve as a district court judge.

I have known Judge Grey as a professional colleague since he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit ten years ago. As U.S. Attorney, I had the pleasure of hiring Judge Grey in 2012 to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney. In that role, Judge Grey developed experience handling both civil and criminal cases. I was able to observe Judge Grey's professional competence, integrity, and temperament, all of which were and continue to be outstanding. He looked at problems from the perspective of all relevant stakeholders to make considered decisions. Judge Grey took seriously the responsibility of serving the public, and he was always fair and courteous to everyone he encountered in the court system.

Since taking the bench as a magistrate judge, Judge Grey has earned a reputation as a capable judge. His knowledge of the law, analytical legal skills, work ethic, and even-keeled demeanor on the bench demonstrate that he is well-qualified to serve on the district court.

I have invited Judge Grey to speak to students in my classes at the University of Michigan Law School because I know him to be a thoughtful jurist who values the opportunity to give back to the community. He has shared wisdom with our students about the importance of adhering to legal ethics in their work, and they have received his presentations with great enthusiasm.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Judge Grey is exceptionally well qualified to serve as a district judge. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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