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Via Email

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Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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RE: Nomination of Colleen Lawless to be United States District Judge

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Grassley:

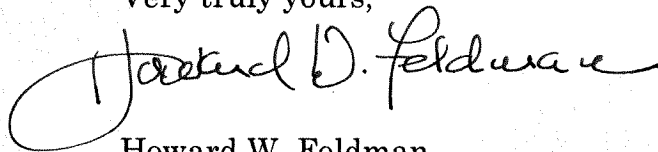
This letter is to express my support for the nomination of Judge Colleen Lawless to the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. I have known Judge Lawless for more than a decade and have not only appeared before her as an attorney in her courtroom, but I have also litigated against her in a number of difficult and complex matters. I have found Judge Lawless both as an attorney and as a Judge, well prepared on any matter she was involved with and that she conducted herself in the highest professional standards. I say that as a long-time member of the bar, having practiced myself for 49 years, served more than 5 years as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General and having served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association. I am proud to consider myself a member of the bar with Judge Lawless.

I would also like to express my support for Judge Lawless as a Federal Judge handling complex criminal matters. I have appeared in numerous federal criminal cases, those that would be considered routine and those that were quiet complicated. I believe very strongly that Judge Lawless has the legal experience to handle those complicated matters and even more importantly has the temperament to conduct the high charged difficult cases. My criminal experience involves not merely retained counsel but a long serving member of the Criminal Justice Panel of defense attorneys.

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Simply and directly put, I believe that Judge Lawless is an outstanding selection for the next United States District Court Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Howard W. Feldman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "H".

Howard W. Feldman

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