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The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Judge Amy Coney Barrett

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Judge Amy Coney Barrett, whom I am confident will make an exceptional Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court. In addition to being Judge Barrett's colleague at the Notre Dame Law School since 2005, we are also neighbors. This has provided a variety of professional and personal interactions over the last fifteen years which form the basis of my opinion.

While the majority of her career is marked by her teaching and scholarship, Judge Barrett does not suffer from the naivete that is often associated with seclusion from the practicalities of the real world. I am a clinical faculty member at the Law School, and my perspective is based on two decades of active legal practice. I also serve as president of the Indiana Board of Law Examiners where I work closely with the members of the Indiana Supreme Court as well as judges and attorneys from a variety of jurisdictions. In all my interactions, I have found Judge Barrett to have a pragmatic understanding of legal issues that is on par with experienced legal practitioners. Judge Barrett's viewpoints are consistently reality-based, and she is not trapped in a world of ivory tower hypotheticals and erudite theoretical constructs. Judge Barrett has the skills of a seasoned lawyer marked by a sharp analytical mind, attention to the record, and a constant awareness that there are actual litigants at the heart of the cases she considers. These are characteristics which are rarely found in scholars with Judge Barrett's level of intellect.


In my professional interactions with Judge Barrett, I have been impressed with her excellent leadership, collegiality, and commitment. Judge Barrett has a unique ability to address difficult

problems in clear language. In group contexts, her talent for keenly listening and fairly considering diverse perspectives before responding allows Judge Barrett to consolidate interests and effectively address the variety of concerns raised. With her congenial and constructive demeanor, I have experienced Judge Barrett to be always available for prudent and practical input on any issue. She generously gives unfailing support, time, and sage advice. Her collegiality, wisdom, and sound judgment are critical qualities that have served her well on the law faculty as well as on the bench.

Judge Barrett's generosity and demeanor is not isolated to her professional pursuits. I have experienced Judge Barrett to evidence these same stable and positive qualities whether she is attending her child's soccer game, at the grocery store, or on an adjacent piece of exercise equipment at the gym. There are no pretexts based on the specific environment. Judge Barrett exudes a sense of competence marked by a calm demeanor and generous spirit across contexts. Numerous friends and neighbors have shared their experiences of receiving valuable advice and support from Judge Barrett over the years. She and her family will undoubtedly be missed in our community.

I have no doubts that Judge Barrett will make an excellent addition to the United States Supreme Court and recommend her without reservation. She is the type of colleague who is a joy to work alongside. Her compassion, intellect, attention to detail, and leadership are all qualities which will contribute to her continued success. I can think of no better person to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court and am certain that you will not find any who are more compassionate, dedicated, or who have greater potential than Amy Coney Barrett. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (574) 631-8557.

Respectfully,



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