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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Peter M. Mansfield's Judicial Nomination

Dear Senator Durbin,

We write in support of the nomination of Mr. Peter M. Mansfield to a position as a federal judge with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. We believe he would be an exceptional judge and we highly recommend him for this position. We hope that the Senate will swiftly confirm his nomination.

All four of the signatories to this letter have extensive experience at Ave Maria School of Law where Mr. Mansfield attended law school. Dean Czarnetzky has been the Chief Executive Officer and Dean of Ave Maria Law since 2021. The other three signatories (Dean Milhizer, Professor Murphy, and Professor Myers) have taught at Ave Maria Law for over twenty years and all three of us taught Mr. Mansfield when he was a student at Ave Maria School of Law.

Mr. Mansfield has the academic background and the practical legal experience that suggest he will excel as a federal district court judge. He has a consistent record of excellence. He was a National Merit Semifinalist and later graduated magna cum laude from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

In law school at Ave Maria School of Law, Mr. Mansfield continued this record of excellence. He finished in the top 10% of his class and graduated magna cum laude. He also served as a Senior Editor of the Ave Maria Law Review and won an important award in the law school's Moot Court competition.

Mr. Mansfield's practice experience has prepared him well for a position in the federal judiciary. Most recognize that the best preparation for a federal judgeship is significant experience with sophisticated practice in the federal courts. Mr. Mansfield has that experience. After a stint in private practice, he has served in the United States Attorney's Office in New Orleans, Louisiana for over two decades. Over the years, he has taken on increasingly responsible positions in that office. Most recently, Mr. Mansfield has served as the Chief of the Civil Division since 2013.

Mr. Mansfield has been recognized by his peers and the wider community for his high quality work and his leadership skills. He has served in numerous leadership roles and been honored on numerous occasions by various legal and civic organizations. All of this suggests that he has the ability and the temperament required to serve the public as a federal judge.

In closing, we highly recommend Mr. Mansfield. We believe that his distinguished career has prepared him well for a position on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. We hope that the Senate will confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

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