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Mr. Nathan Williams VIA EMAIL: Nathan_Williams@Kennedy.senate.gov
Chief Counsel to U.S. Senator John N. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Williams:

My name is James H. Gibson. I have been a lawyer in Lafayette, Louisiana since 1984.

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Darrel J. Papillion. I was delighted to learn that Darrel was nominated to become a judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I have known Darrel for many years. I have litigated cases with him, with each of us representing separate parties. Due to Darrel's expertise in litigation, I have retained him as an expert in cases.

Darrel also gives significantly to the legal community. He is a frequent speaker at seminars on topics ranging from ethics to federal court procedure to litigation strategy.

Darrel is an excellent lawyer, well respected and universally liked by the bench and bar. Darrel's reputation is beyond reproach. He has the highest standards that one could ask for as an attorney or a judge. With Darrel's vast experience in litigation he will immediately be an asset to the Federal Judiciary.

If I can be of assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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