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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
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is a distinct privilege to write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Sherilyn Peace Garnett for appointment to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

I write this letter from four perspectives: as an eleven year veteran of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, as a seven year veteran of State law enforcement (Illinois Inspector General and Director of the Illinois State Police), as the former Litigation Department Chairman and Sherilyn's supervisor at the Chicago law firm Althemer & Gray from 1995-1998, and as a proud lawyer who watched his esteemed colleague continue to flourish as a lawyer, a law professor, an Assistant United States Attorney and as a Judge.

Simply put, Sherilyn is truly special. She is razor sharp. She is studious and well informed. She is extraordinarily insightful. She is a careful listener. She is honest, humble, decent and loyal beyond measure. She treats everyone with dignity and respect. She is fair and impartial. She is tough when she needs to be, but always acts with compassion and care for the rights and the feelings of those with whom she deals.

I can say without hesitation or reservation; these views of Sherilyn are shared by every single member of Althemer & Gray's 40 member Litigation Department who practiced law with her.

When I served as Director of the Illinois State Police, it was my duty and my honor to issue the oath of office to new Illinois State Troopers upon completion of their intensive training and certification. Just prior to administering the oath as a State Trooper which begins with words "I solemnly vow...", I said exactly the same thing... every time:

"Be the best police officer that you can be. Be the police officer that you want to patrol the neighborhood where you live. Be the police officer that you want to protect and interact with your family, your friends, your neighbors."



I am as confident as I am that night follows day, if confirmed as a United States District Court Judge for the Central District of California, Sherilyn Peace Garnett will be the kind of United States District Court Judge that you would want to preside over your case, or the cases of your family, your friends or your neighbors. She will administer justice fairly as she faithfully and impartially discharges her duties under the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeremy Margolis'.

Jeremy D. Margolis