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Senator Dick Durbin  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Chuck Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of Sarah Geraghty's nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. I have been a member of the bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia for over 45 years, as well as a member of the bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. For over thirty years, I was a litigation partner in the firm of King & Spalding, LLP, and I am a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. I currently serve as a mediator and arbitrator in addition to working on various pro bono matters. Based on my experience, and for the reasons set forth below, I am confident that, if confirmed, Ms. Geraghty will be an excellent judge who will serve in accord with the highest principles of judicial independence and integrity.

I have known Ms. Geraghty for over a decade, based largely on her work as an attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights. As a member of the Board of the Southern Center, I have long been familiar with Ms. Geraghty's skill and professionalism as an advocate. Over the last 18 months, I also had the opportunity to work directly with Ms. Geraghty on a major piece of litigation, and therefore saw directly the depth of her legal analysis and her understanding of the litigation process in the federal courts. In my career, I have worked both with and against many excellent trial lawyers from across the country, and I have observed them in trial in many federal courts. Ms. Geraghty's understanding of the litigation process, her knowledge of federal civil procedure and the rules of evidence, and her commitment to professionalism in advocacy are equal to any of these excellent lawyers.

For purposes of assessing Ms. Geraghty's nomination, it is important to note that, in addition to her knowledge of the litigation process and familiarity with the rules of civil and criminal procedure, as well as the rules of evidence, Ms. Geraghty has a profound appreciation for the role of a federal judge as a fair and neutral arbiter of the matters that come before the court. From my personal experience in representing parties in a wide range of matters over the years, as well as in my current role as a mediator and arbitrator in many civil cases, I know that there is nothing more important to the sound administration of justice than a judge who inspires confidence in both the parties and the attorneys that they will receive a full and fair hearing and a decision that is based on the facts and the law. I know that Ms. Geraghty will inspire such confidence in those who appear before her. In sum, if confirmed she will be an excellent addition to the Court of the Northern District of Georgia.

Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Geraghty's nomination.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Joseph Loveland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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