The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chair Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Bu9ilding Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 152 Dirksen Senate Office Building, D.C. 20510

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Re: Nomination of Christine P. O'Hearn to the District Court for the United States District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of the nomination of Christine P. O'Hearn to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. I urge the Committee and full Senate to promptly review and confirm her nomination.

I have known Ms. O'Hearn as a practicing member of the bar for many years, and closely collaborated with her as co-counsel on various litigation matters. Ms. O'Hearn has spent her entire career as an attorney based in Camden County, New Jersey. She has represented plaintiffs and defendants, individuals, corporations, and governmental entities. She has handled matters in nearly all areas of civil practice — personal injury, product liability, commercial, and employment. She is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney by the New Jersey Supreme Court and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is a source of genuine pride and admiration by our local Bench and Bar.

Due to vacancies, the New Jersey federal bench has been operating in a state of emergency for several years and her nomination will help members of the public resolve their disputes in a timely fashion. Further, her confirmation will continue to ensure the diversity of the federal bench.

I respectfully submit my strong support for Ms. O'Hearn and request the Committee and full Senate promptly review and confirm her nomination.

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Yours truly,

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