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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Committee Members:

I write to offer my wholehearted and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Alameda County Superior Court Judge Trina Thompson to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

As a public defender in Alameda County for nearly ten years, I have had the privilege of appearing before Judge Thompson on countless occasions and for numerous purposes, including probable cause hearings, jury trials, and sentencings. While the results have varied from my end, Judge Thompson has always been consistent. She is unwavering in her respect for all parties, her expertise on the law, and her dedication to our legal system. She always maintains professionalism without compromising friendliness. She balances confidence and legal excellence with humility and compassion, never forgetting about the people whose lives she impacts in her courtroom. No matter what the facts or the law, she is fair, impartial, and right. I attribute this to her tireless work ethic, her strong moral compass, and her top-notch intellect.

If confirmed, Judge Thompson will make a wonderful District Court judge. It will be a huge loss to our local practice, but she certainly deserves the position and the Federal Judiciary will be lucky to have her.

Sincerely,



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