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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 United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Christine P. O'Hearn, Esquire to the District Court of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to support the nomination of Christine O'Hearn to be a United States District Judge in the District of New Jersey. As of January 15, 2021, I retired from the Federal Bench in New Jersey where I served as a United States Magistrate Judge for 14 years.

While on the Bench Ms. O'Hearn frequently appeared before me at conferences and court proceedings. Ms. O'Hearn is an excellent lawyer and at all times exhibited the highest standards of her profession. She was always thoroughly prepared and professional. Due to her ability and intelligence, she is widely respected by all members of the Bar, including lawyers representing plaintiffs and defendants. I have no hesitation supporting Ms. O'Hearn's nomination and am confident she will be a welcome addition to the federal bench.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Respectfully yours, Gael Schneide

del Schneider, Esquire (Ret.'d)

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