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

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

Re: Nomination of Samantha Elliott to the U.S. District Court for the District of N.H.

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grasslet:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Samantha Elliott's nomination to the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. I have worked closely with Ms. Elliott over the past six years on the overlapping Boards of New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) and the Legal Advice and Referral Center (LARC), and now on the Board of 603 Legal Aid.

I am currently the Executive Director of Manchester Community Action Coalition (MCAC) and also a consultant working on race and equity issues across the state. I am an Adjunct Faculty Instructor at Southern New Hampshire University and have worked in healthcare as a nurse in New Hampshire since 2000. I migrated to the U.S. as a refugee in 1999, and I have worked to build out a range of programs mostly focused on health/racial equity issues as well as leadership development programs to support Black, brown, and people of color community members as they navigate their leadership and work in a predominantly white and rural state.

Ms. Elliott has demonstrated her devotion to the cause of equal justice for all. I know from experience that she is committed to ensuring access to justice and quality legal assistance. In my six years of board service alongside Ms. Elliott, I have noted her skillfulness in the ability to listen, connect, and communicate effectively with everyone around her. As a non-lawyer and as a New American, I have appreciated her leadership in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that has allowed me to feel seen and valuable. I am impressed with her work ethic, her compassion, her honesty, and her good judgment.

As a judge, Ms. Elliott will assure that all persons appearing before her are provided access to justice no matter their socio-economic status and racial background. As a member of the federal bench, she will have the opportunity to continue her advocacy for equal access to justice for all. I hope you will act favorably on Ms. Elliott's nomination.

Sincerely,

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