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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: National Association of Women Lawyers' Support for Anne M. Nardacci

Dear Mr. Chairman, Senator Grassley, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The National Association of Women Lawyers ("NAWL") writes to express our strong support for the nomination of Anne M. Nardacci to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. NAWL's mission is to provide leadership, a collective voice and essential resources to advance women in the legal profession and advocate for the equality of women under the law. Since 1899, NAWL has been empowering women in the legal profession, cultivating a diverse membership dedicated to equality, mutual support, and collective success. It is critical that the members of our judiciary be committed to equity and justice for all, and we are certain that Ms. Nardacci, a current member of NAWL, would be committed to these values.

As you already are aware, Ms. Nardacci is impeccably credentialed, but some of her accomplishments bear repeating. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University in 1999 and *cum laude* from Cornell Law School in 2002. Ms. Nardacci was known by her law school peers not only for her accomplishments in the classroom and for her confident, well-reasoned rationales and her excellent legal writing skills, but also for her generous support of her fellow classmates to achieve success.

Ms. Nardacci was avidly recruited by many of the country's top law firms and started her professional career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York City. This is significant, because in May 2002 the country was still reeling from the impact of 9/11 and many law firms were retracting offers to talented law school graduates, particularly in New York City. But in Ms. Nardacci's case, she exhibits that rare combination of brilliance, authenticity, and empathy that earned her the opportunity to begin her path to leadership success with Skadden. Over the past two decades, Ms. Nardacci has honed her expertise in the area of antitrust law, an area of the law typically lacking in female representation and one not as widely represented in the federal judiciary as other disciplines.

Ms. Nardacci is an accomplished private practice attorney, a partner at one of the largest and most well-known U.S. firms, and has represented numerous clients in high profile, contentious antitrust matters in federal courts with consistent, positive outcomes. She is also a recognized leader in her field and is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Section. She has also been a member of the New York State Governor's Judicial Screening Committee which evaluates the qualifications of candidates for appointment or designation to judicial office throughout New York State and recommends to the Governor those persons who are highly qualified to hold judicial office.

Ms. Nardacci's commitment to excellence in the judiciary, leadership, and equity for all as well as her substantive experience and skillset, not already widely represented among federal judicial appointees, make her an undeniably qualified candidate for the federal bench.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the selection of highly qualified, judges responsible for the administration of justice for all. Anne Torrey Nardacci has NAWL's full support, and we urge the United States Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm her appointment for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Best Regards,



Karen M. Richardson  
Executive Director

