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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Darrel Papillion /United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am past President of the New Orleans Bar Association and the International Society of Barristers and a practicing attorney for over 40 years, including actively practicing in the Eastern District of Louisiana from the beginning of my career. I write to urge you to strongly consider Darrel Papillion for nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I have known Darrel personally for over ten years primarily through our work in the legal profession and participation in bar and other professional organizations. We have worked together as adversaries and co-counsel on complex litigation matters. And, we both are members of the International Society of Barristers (ISOB) and American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL). Both are honor societies of select outstanding trial lawyers from across the world who are chosen by their peers after consideration of recommendations from the nominee's colleagues and local judges on the basis of excellence and integrity in advocacy.

From these many experiences, I am personally familiar with Darrel's astute legal abilities and skills, and his reputation inside and outside of Louisiana as an outstanding lawyer. I have

experienced firsthand Darrel's astute legal abilities and skills, which supports his well-deserved reputation as one of Louisiana's finest lawyers. This conclusion is corroborated by Darrel's selection as a member of the ISOB and ACTL. Darrel's elections in both of these select organizations demonstrate that judges and lawyers throughout Louisiana and the United States hold him in the highest regard among trial lawyers and believe him "to have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality". ACTL Mission Statement.

In addition to astute legal skills, Darrel possesses all the attributes of a good judge, including patience and good humor, a sense of fairness and concern about all parties, high intelligence, and an extraordinary work ethic. Darrel's work as an advocate and adjunct law professor at LSU has well prepared him for a judicial role.

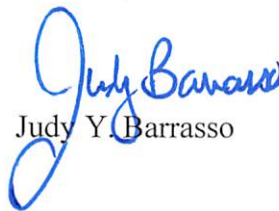
For these reasons, I believe Darrel would be an excellent addition to the bench of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I am happy to provide any additional information you may need regarding Darrel's experience and qualifications.

I thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Judy Y. Barrasso

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