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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
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Re: Robert Kirsch, Judge Superior Court of New Jersey

Dear Honorable Senators:

I have known Judge Robert Kirsch, for over fifteen (15) years. Our initial introduction to one another began sometime in 2007 or so. Judge Kirsch was employed as an Assistant United States Attorney and was responsible for prosecuting what amounted to an international narcotics smuggling case involving three (3) separate Defendants. I ended up representing one of the Defendants because of concerns that individual had with one of the attorneys who had been representing him as well as one of the Co-Defendants. Oddly enough, information that was shared with then AUSA Kirsch, would later ring true as the lawyer for

the Co-Defendant was later accused and convicted of conspiring to commit murder and sentenced to life in prison.

It was during the pendency of the case that I learned who Robert Kirsch was and is. Despite the fact that we were adversaries, he was always courteous, not only to me but also to my client. Judge Kirsch was also very knowledgeable of the case, the law and the impact the charges could have on all of the Defendants. I also found Judge Kirsch to be very practical and very affable.

Later, after Judge Kirsch was confirmed to the New Jersey Superior Court, I had the occasion of appearing before him in a number of cases. I found Judge Kirsch to be the same even tempered, very measured, affable person he had been prior to his ascension to the bench.

Our interactions and experiences in the law, would grow into a great friendship that the two of us share to this day. Judge Kirsch and I have had conversations about the law, the importance of family, sports, the entertainment world, race relations and the hope that we both share for more unity and respect for one another.

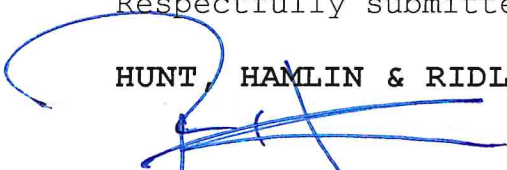
Judge Kirsch is the type of person who is fair and open minded. He is knowledgeable of the law and when the circumstances warrant is not afraid to make rulings even if the rulings are not popular. He is always and has always been about the rule of law. It is what makes him more than suitable for consideration to the federal bench.

Some years ago, my mother suffered a significant medical event where she was hospitalized and in rehab for some period of time. It was Judge Kirsch who one day out of the blue called me to visit with me and my Mom (almost an hour from where he resides). The visit was not planned, nor was it something I invited him to do. It was his way of showing concern without having any fanfare or desire for accolades. That is the type of person, Judge Robert Kirsch is and why I think he would make an excellent District Court Judge.

It is therefore without any hesitation or reservation that I support in every possible positive way, Judge Kirsch's consideration for a seat on the United States District Court of New Jersey.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,


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