

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

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am pleased to write in support of the Honorable Todd E. Edelman for appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

You have no doubt heard from those in the legal community about Judge Edelman's exemplary credentials as an Associate Judge on the D.C. Superior Court, a Deputy Presiding Judge in the Civil Division, a respected public interest lawyer, and a professor of law. As a former Chair of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, I write to let you know of an additional strength that I believe Judge Edelman would bring to the Court: His profound knowledge of – and deep ties to -- the community he serves.

Throughout his thirty-year career in the District of Columbia, Judge Edelman has demonstrated a profound devotion to his city and its residents. The issues considered by the District Court are of national scope and importance, of course, but many have their roots in the complex and often unique circumstances that arise in our nation's capital. Judge Edelman's exceptional understanding of these matters will no doubt be an important asset to the Court, and to the federal bench.

I am pleased to support Judge Edelman for appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and thank you for your thoughtful consideration of his candidacy.

Personal warm wishes!

Sincerely,

Ambassador Constance A. Morella, ret.

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