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Chair Dick Durbin  
Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Chuck Grassley  
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write on behalf of the Seattle University School of Law to express enthusiastic support of Jamal Whitehead to be a judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Mr. Whitehead's background, experience, and significant contributions to our regional legal community will make him an outstanding judge on this court.

As one of our most distinguished graduates, Mr. Whitehead exemplifies the Seattle University School of Law's mission to train powerful advocates for justice. His impressive professional trajectory spans both the public and private sectors. Prior to his distinguished career with the Schroeter Goldmark & Bender firm in Seattle, Mr. Whitehead served as a federal trial attorney with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and later as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the Western District of Washington.

Mr. Whitehead is a well-respected pillar of leadership within our local legal community, having served on the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association's (WSBA) Labor & Employment Law Section. He is also a past president of the Loren Miller Bar Association, Washington state's largest and oldest minority bar.

We are honored to call Mr. Whitehead an alumnus and friend of the Seattle University School of Law. He continues to give back to his alma mater by serving as a mentor to current students, guest speaker, panelist, mock trial judge, and avid supporter of our Black Law Student Association.

I strongly urge the Committee on the Judiciary to approve the nomination of Jamal Whitehead to serve as a judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Varona', written in a cursive style.

Anthony E. Varona  
Dean and Professor of Law