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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

RE: David J. Porter

Dear Senators Grassley and Feinstein:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of David Porter's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, a court with which I am very familiar having clerked for the Honorable Joseph F. Weis, Jr., as a young lawyer.

After a thirty-year career with Reed Smith, LLP, where I was Managing Partner and Head of the Litigation Group, I became a founding partner of Del Sole Cavanaugh Stroyd LLC in 2007. I am a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and past President of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and of the Allegheny County Bar Association, where I also served as Chair of its Judiciary Committee and its Civil Litigation Section as well as Co-Chair of a Task Force for its Gender Initiative. I serve on the Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission for Justice Initiatives and am a member of the Jury Service Committee of the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial & Ethnic Fairness. I was a member of the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee and of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

In my professional capacities and on a personal level, I have known Mr. Porter for more than fifteen years and am well-aware of his impeccable reputation with both the bench and the bar in Pittsburgh. He is, and is universally regarded as being, consummately professional, temperate, respectful, fair, and good-natured. He is an accomplished trial lawyer who understands and embraces the judicial duty of following the law wherever it leads. Like his judicial mentor for whom he clerked as a young lawyer (the Honorable Judge D. Brooks Smith, who is now Chief Judge of the Third Circuit), Mr. Porter is careful, scholarly and disinterested - a "lawyer's lawyer" in every regard. He would be an outstanding jurist.

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I commend you for considering Mr. Porter and enthusiastically support his nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit without any reservation. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about him or the kind of judge that he would be. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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