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

Dear Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write this letter in support of David Porter's nomination to be a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

I am President of the Pittsburgh chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives ("NOBLE"). I am retired from Adult Probation with the Court of Common Pleas 16th Judicial District and retired from the Bureau of Community Corrections as Administrative Officer 3 with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

NOBLE was founded in 1976. Its mission is to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities. In recent years, NOBLE has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights on "Criminal Justice and Policing Practices," and before the President Barack H. Obama Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

NOBLE's Pittsburgh chapter membership represents law enforcement departments and agencies at the municipal, county, state, and federal levels. The Pittsburgh chapter's current priorities are to build bridges between police departments and urban communities; educate and dialogue with at-risk youth; and increase diversity within law enforcement ranks.

I have discussed NOBLE's mission and priorities with Mr. Porter. I am confident in his commitment to NOBLE's ideals and to equity in the administration of justice. I support without any reservation his nomination to become a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Ernest D. Withrow