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Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
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Re: Merrick B. Garland

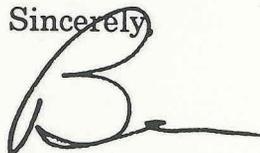
Dear Senator Mikulski:

I just wanted to call your attention to the fact that Merrick B. Garland has been nominated by President Clinton for appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

Merrick is an outstanding lawyer with a very distinguished career both in private practice at Arnold & Porter and in government service, first as a special assistant to me when I was Attorney General and then later as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District and, most recently, as Chief Associate Deputy Attorney General to Jamie Gorelick. Additionally, his academic background was outstanding, culminating in his clerkship to Supreme Court Justice Brennan. In every way, he is a superb candidate for that bench, and I just wanted you to know of my personal admiration for him.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Benjamin R. Civiletti

BRC:jb
cc: Merrick B. Garland, Esq.

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Sincerely,

September 8, 1995

Margaret G. Gill
The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senator
Hart Senate Office Building -- Room 331
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Diane:

I am writing to warmly endorse President Clinton's recent nomination of Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Merrick Garland to be a Judge on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I came to know Merrick during his time at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, where he distinguished himself by his outstanding intellect and energy in working with me on a variety of business-law issues. His knack for quickly cutting to the heart of complex issues will serve him well on an appellate court that deals with so many vital issues of public policy.

The recent media profiles of him describing his role in coordinating the criminal and civil issues faced by the Department of Justice and overseeing the early stages of the Oklahoma City bombing investigation testify both to his abilities and to the degree to which both the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General have come to rely on his counsel. As a former Assistant United States Attorney and a senior official in DOJ's Criminal Division, he is eminently familiar with criminal justice issues. At the same time, he has brought a balanced perspective to the issues before him, respecting civil liberties and the legitimate concerns of the defense bar.

In short, Merrick has precisely the qualities of acuity, energy, and fairness that will make for an exemplary jurist. While I understand that the coming presidential

election may delay the handling of certain judicial nominations, I am optimistic that Merrick's nomination can be put on a fast track to confirmation. After you meet Merrick and review his outstanding qualifications, I hope very much that you will agree with my assessment and vote to confirm him both in the Judiciary Committee and on the Senate floor. Should you or your staff have any questions about Merrick's background, please feel free to give me a call.

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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Diane:

I am writing to warmly endorse President Clinton's recent nomination of Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Lawrence G. Garby to be a Judge on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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ATT: Hon. Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman
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RE: Merrick Brian Garland
United States Court of Appeals
for the District of Columbia Circuit

Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you for affording this Committee an opportunity to express an opinion pertaining to the nomination of Merrick Brian Garland for appointment as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Our Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Garland is Well Qualified for this appointment.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Garland for his information.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Lamm

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cc: Hon. Eleanor Dean Acheson
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Re: Merrick B. Garland

Dear Senator Hatch:

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own. Merrick Garland's nomination affords the Senate chance to place one such person in a position where such impulses can be harnessed to the maximum public good. I hope that the Senate will seize that opportunity.

Very Truly Yours,

Donald B. Ayer

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD
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Senator Charles E. Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chuck:

I am writing to ask your support and assistance in the confirmation process for a second cousin, Merrick Garland, who has been nominated to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Merrick Garland has had a distinguished legal career. He was a partner for many years in the Washington law firm of Arnold and Porter. During the Bush Administration, Merrick was asked by Jay Stephens, the U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, to take on a three year stint as an Assistant U. S. Attorney. As I'm sure you know, Jay Stephens is the son of Lyle Stephens, the Representative from Plymouth County that we served with in the Iowa Legislature.

Recently, he has been overseeing the federal investigation and prosecution efforts in the Oklahoma City bombing, having been sent there the second day after the blast occurred. He was serving in the position as principal Associate Deputy Attorney General.

I am enclosing a number of news clippings about Merrick Garland. I would especially encourage you to review the Legal Times and article entitled: Garland, A Centrist Choice.

As always, I appreciate all of your efforts. Hope all is going well for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor of Iowa

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cc Cyril Garland
Doris Shukert

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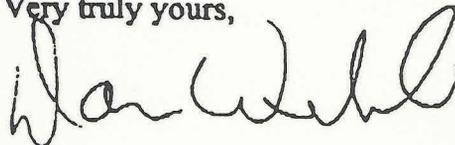
Dear Senator Hatch:

It is my understanding that Merrick Garland's name has been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee to fill a vacancy on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Merrick is a very talented lawyer, who has had an outstanding career in both the private and public sectors.

In particular, he has exhibited exceptional legal abilities during his recent term of office in the U. S. Department of Justice. Throughout the United States, Merrick has been recognized as a person within the Clinton Department of Justice who is fair, thoughtful and reasonable. He clearly possesses the ability to address legal issues and resolve them in a fair and equitable manner.

Accordingly, in my opinion, Merrick will be an outstanding addition to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, and I strongly recommend his confirmation by your committee. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Dan K. Webb

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October 11, 1995

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman of the Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
SR-131 Russell Senate Office Building
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Re: Merrick B. Garland

Dear Senator Hatch:

I write this letter in support of Merrick B. Garland whose name has been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

This incredibly busy and important Court needs judges of the highest integrity, intellect, experience and judicial demeanor. Mr. Garland is an outstanding lawyer and citizen who possesses all of these necessary qualifications. He is a lawyers' lawyer who enjoys a magnificent reputation for fairness, keen intellect and good judgment.

I urge the Committee to look favorable upon his nomination.

Very truly yours,



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Sincerely,

Bill
William T. Coleman, Jr.

Dear Orrin:

As you know, President Clinton has nominated Merrick B. Garland, Esquire, to fill the judicial vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit caused by the retirement of Chief Judge Mikva.

I write this letter to indicate my full support and admiration of Mr. Garland and urge that you soon have a hearing of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and thereafter support him to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Garland has a first-rate legal mind, took *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude* advantages of education at Harvard College and Harvard Law School. In private practice, he became and has the reputation of being an outstanding courtroom lawyer. In addition, on several occasions, he satisfied his urge to be a public servant by two law clerkships, one for Mr. Justice William J. Brennan and the other for the late Judge Henry J. Friendly. He has also served in the Justice Department on several occasions. I have known Merrick Garland as a lawyer and as a friend and greatly admire his personal integrity, learning in the law and his desire to be a great public servant. His legal, social and political views are those most American admire and are well within the fine hopes and principles of this country, which you have often expressed in conversations with me as to the type of person you would like to see on the federal judiciary, particularly on the appellate courts.

I first got to know Mr. Garland when he was Special Assistant to Deputy and then Attorney General Civiletti, as my daughter, Lovida, Jr., was the other Special Assistant. I still see him and his wife from time to time and they are the type of Americans whom I greatly admire.

As is stated at the outset of this letter, I hope you will see to it that Mr. Garland soon has his hearing and that you, at and after the hearing, will actively support him for confirmation. If you have any questions, please give me a call and I will walk over to see you.

Take care.

Sincerely,



William T. Coleman, Jr.

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
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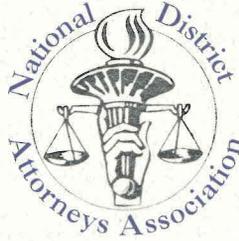
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Office of the President

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The Honorable Joseph Biden
Ranking Minority Member
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Dear Senator Biden:

I write to you as the Prosecuting Attorney for St. Joseph County, Indiana, and as President of the 7,000 member National District Attorneys Association to recommend Principal Associate Attorney General Merrick Garland for appointment as a judge to the Washington, D. C. Court of Appeals.

Mr. Garland has been extremely helpful and cooperative in all matters that we have discussed with him, and has exhibited the legal knowledge, temperament, and character which would make him an excellent Federal Judge.

On a personal level, I have become acquainted with Mr. Garland, spent time with him, and had the opportunity to discuss many matters with him which have lead me to the conclusion that he is an excellent lawyer, brilliant scholar, and a man of high integrity.

Please favorably consider him for the D. C. Circuit position.

Respectfully,

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Re: Nomination of Merrick B. Garland to the U.S. Court
of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Dear Senator Hatch:

I have been asked to express my views to you on Merrick Garland's nomination to sit on the Federal Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. First, I believe Mr. Garland is an accomplished and learned lawyer and is most certainly qualified for a seat on this important bench. Second, my experience with Mr. Garland leads me to the conclusion that he would decide cases on the law based on an objective and fair analysis of the positions of the parties in any dispute. Third, I perceive Mr. Garland as a man who believes and follows certain principles, but not one whose philosophical beliefs would overpower his objective analysis of legal issues.

I know of no reason to suggest that the President's choice for this vacancy on the Court of Appeals should not be confirmed. As you, of course, have demonstrated during your tenure as Chairman, the President's nominees are his choices and are entitled to be confirmed where it is clear that the nominee would be a capable and fair jurist. I believe Mr. Garland meets that criteria and support favorable consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

George J. Terwilliger III

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Thanking you for your consideration in this regard.

Yours very truly,



Joe D. Whitely

Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a former Department of Justice official in the Reagan/Bush Administration, having served as Acting Associate Attorney General and United States Attorney in two Georgia districts, it is my distinct pleasure and privilege to write you a letter regarding the nomination of Merrick Garland to be a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with Merrick as a fellow member of the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association. From that experience, I have learned that he is universally respected and well-regarded by people from both political parties. Additionally, in his role as a high-ranking Department of Justice official, I have found him to be fair-minded and considerate of the competing views expressed in criminal justice matters, both from the prosecution and defense perspectives.

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He is a well thought out person who is a natural for the Federal Circuit Bench. I strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to accelerate his confirmation before the close of this legislative year.

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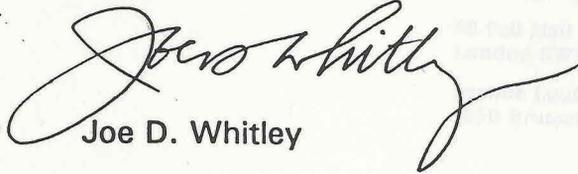
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Joe D. Whitley

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CC: Honorable Paul D. Coverdell

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November 9, 1995

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Hatch:

I write to express my support for President Clinton's nomination of Merrick Garland to the position of Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I've known Merrick since 1978, when we served as law clerks to Supreme Court Justices -- he for Justice Brennan and I for Justice (now Chief Justice) Rehnquist. Like our respective bosses, Merrick and I disagreed on many legal issues. Still, I believe that Merrick possesses the qualities of a fine judge.

You are no doubt well aware of the details of Merrick's background as a practicing lawyer, a federal prosecutor, a law teacher, and now a high-ranking official of the Department of Justice. This varied background has given Merrick a breadth and depth of legal experience that few lawyers his age can rival, and he has distinguished himself in all of his professional pursuits. He is a man of great learning, not just in the law, but also in other disciplines. Not only is Merrick enormously gifted intellectually, but he is thoughtful as well, for he respects other points of view and fairly and honestly assesses the merits of all sides of an issue. And he has a stable, even-tempered, and courteous manner. He would comport himself on the bench with dignity and fairness. In short, I believe that Merrick Garland will be among President Clinton's very best judicial appointments.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Cooper

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November 25, 1995

The Honorable Senator Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Dirksen Building, Room 224
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write with regard to the nomination of Merrick Garland to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

I have known Mr. Garland since 1990 when he was an Assistant United States Attorney and I was the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division in the Department of Justice. Over the years I have had occasion to see his work in several cases.

Based both on my own observations and on his reputation in the legal community, I believe him to be exceptionally qualified for a Circuit Court appointment. Throughout my association with him I have always been impressed by his judgment. Most importantly, Mr. Garland exemplifies the qualities of fairness, integrity and scholarship which are so important for those who sit on the bench.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me. My number in the United States Attorney's Office is 202-307-6675.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
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Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on
Administrative Oversight and the Courts
SH-325 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Hatch and Grassley:

I am writing with respect to the nomination of Merrick Garland to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. I understand you have significant reservations about filling the existing vacancy on the District of Columbia Circuit at this time. In the event you consider filling the vacancy at this time, I commend Merrick Garland for your consideration.

I have known Mr. Garland for nearly ten years. We met initially during my service as Deputy Counsel to the President while Mr. Garland was assisting in an Independent Counsel investigation. During the course of that contact, I was impressed with Mr. Garland's professionalism and judgment. After I was appointed United State Attorney for the District of Columbia, Mr. Garland expressed to me an interest in gaining additional prosecutorial experience, and applied for a position as an Assistant United States Attorney. I hired Mr. Garland for my staff, and initially assigned him to a narcotics unit where he had an opportunity to assist in investigating a number of significant cases and to gain valuable trial experience. Mr. Garland quickly established himself as a dedicated prosecutor who was willing to handle the tough cases. He conducted thorough investigations, and became a skilled trial attorney.

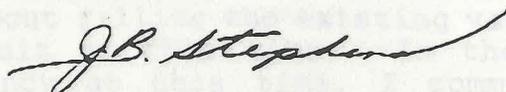
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Subsequently, after gaining significant trial experience, Mr. Garland was assigned to the Public Corruption section of the U.S. Attorney's Office. There he had an opportunity to investigate and try a number of complex, sensitive cases. In the Public Corruption section, Mr. Garland demonstrated an excellent capacity to investigate complex transactions, and approached these important cases with maturity and balanced judgment. He was thorough and thoughtful in exercising his responsibility, and he always acted in accord with the highest ethical and professional standards.

During his service as an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Garland distinguished himself as one of the most capable prosecutors in the Office. He brought to bear a number of outstanding talents. He was bright. He had the intellectual capacity to parse complex transactions. He built sound working relationships with agents and staff based on mutual respect. He was willing to work hard to get the job done. He was dedicated to his job. He exercised sound judgment, and approached his work with professionalism and thoughtfulness. He exhibited excellent interpersonal skills, and was delightful to work with. In sum, his service as an Assistant United States Attorney was marked by dedication, sound judgment, excellent legal ability, a balanced temperament, and the highest ethical and professional standards. These are qualities which I believe he would bring to the bench as well.

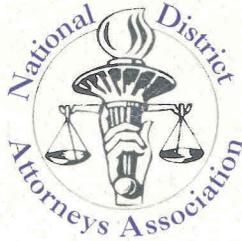
I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jay B. Stephens

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May 7, 1996

Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
148 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Biden:

I strongly support the nomination of Merrick B. Garland to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Through his work within the Department of Justice, and as an active federal prosecutor, Merrick has aptly shown his experience in criminal law and in law enforcement. Most notable has been his extraordinary performance in leading the investigation into the Oklahoma City bombing in which he distinguished himself through his ability to concentrate both local and federal resources to achieve a single goal. This, however, is only one of a number of actions on his part that indicate his strong dedication to fighting criminal activity with all the resources that can be brought to bear by the federal, state and local governments.

Frequent contact with him, through meetings such as the Executive Working Group, convinces me that he is keenly aware of the need for strong and effective law enforcement efforts at both the state and federal levels. I believe that as a member of the judiciary he will remain fully cognizant of the need of the people of the United States to be protected from the ravages of crime and will continue to do his utmost, within the proprieties of office, to continue the fight against crime.

Thank you for considering my perspective in considering this important appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Newman Flanagan".

Newman Flanagan
Executive Director
National District Attorneys Association