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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Professor Jennifer Mascott

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

Professor Mascott, nominated by President Trump to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, was a faculty member at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University during 2017 to 2024. (She was on leave part of 2019/21 while employed in the Office of Legal Counsel). Professor Mascott also served as the Co-Executive Director of the C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State, at our school.

I served as Professor Mascott's dean at Scalia for about four years (2021-2024), until she departed to become the Founder of a Separation-of-Powers Center at another area law school.

I wish Professor Mascott had stayed at Scalia. She was an asset to our law school. Professor Mascott brought great energy and commitment to all aspects of her position as a faculty member. She did an outstanding job teaching large sections of students in subject areas involving Constitutional and other federal law. Outside the classroom, she was accessible to students and helped them with employment. She ran our Supreme Court Clinic. She was an impactful, prolific scholar. She contributed effective institutional service. Her value to our law school was especially high.

But Professor Mascott did not insulate herself in academe. She frequently spoke to alumni groups and to the general public. She spoke on the media about the law, making it accessible to non-lawyers. She conducted herself in a professional, civil, and positive manner. In every capacity and role, she always demonstrated intellectual honesty and integrity. It gave me institutional pride that she was a member of the Scalia law faculty.

Professor Mascott's record demonstrates that she possesses a brilliant legal mind. She achieved the highest GPA ever recorded by a JD student in the history of the George Washington law school. She clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas and for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh. She has starred as a

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lawyer in private practice and in government, in various positions. Professor Mascott has excelled in a variety of roles. She has worked at the pinnacle of the legal profession.

Professor Mascott's varied experiences and abundant achievements should translate into her becoming a top-tier jurist. She has what we might call a "judicial temperament," being calm and reflective, and listening and thinking before speaking. She is a good person and cares about those around her. I have seen her interact with her family, to whom she is devoted. She is simply one of those rare individuals about whom you shake your head and wonder how she can juggle so many things so well, all while staying positive. She is devoted to our great nation and to the Rule of Law.

I cannot think of a more qualified lawyer or legal academic to serve on the federal bench than Professor Jennifer Mascott.

Respectfully,



Ken Randall

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