

September 1, 2025

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We, the signatories below, are all former U.S. Department of Justice officials who write in support of the confirmation of Jennifer Mascott to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Ms. Mascott's credentials are impeccable: she graduated first in her class from The George Washington University Law School with the highest GPA on record and clerked for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Justice Clarence Thomas. Her academic scholarship has been cited in Supreme Court opinions, she has argued high-stakes federal cases, and she has submitted scores of briefs in courts across the country.

Equally impressive is her commitment to public service. As a professor at George Mason University's Scalia Law School and now The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, Ms. Mascott has been a world-class mentor to hundreds of aspiring lawyers. She was also a standout attorney at the Department of Justice, where she worked in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of Legal Counsel, sometimes pulling double duty to help her colleagues. She later created the Separation of Powers Clinic, which lets students gain experience working on real briefs in high-profile cases raising core constitutional questions.

Above all else, Ms. Mascott is a genuine friend and great mother. She is never too busy to offer help. She is eternally positive. And her judgment is beyond reproach.

The Nation is fortunate that stars like Ms. Mascott are willing to put forward their names for public service. She will make an excellent judge. We respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate to move expeditiously to process and confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

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