

April 24, 2020

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne G. B. Feinstein
Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of the Honorable Justin R. Walker to the United States Court of Appeals
for the District of Columbia Circuit

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As a law professor and a former colleague of Judge Justin Walker, I write in support of his nomination as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. I enthusiastically recommend his confirmation.

In these contentious times, when so many wish to politicize virtually everything, Judge Walker is refreshingly fair-minded and non-political. He is the kind of judge who can be expected to objectively listen to both sides of a legal dispute and render a fair and impartial decision that adheres to precedent. He approaches every case with an open mind and listens carefully.

Judge Walker has an impressive legal background. He holds a law degree from Harvard Law School (magna cum laude), and he earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University (summa cum laude). In addition, he clerked for two of the country's most important courts (the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court), worked for both a national and regional law firm, and has served as a judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

While I have not practiced before Judge Walker, I have observed his work as a law professor at the University of Louisville's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. In that capacity, he was extremely well-liked, and was widely regarded as a kind and caring human being who always acted with integrity. All of these characteristics are undeniably valuable for a federal judge.

In sum, I cannot recommend Judge Walker more highly. He is an extraordinary human being who has the courage, integrity, intelligence, and temperament to be an outstanding member of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. I strongly urge you to confirm him.

If I can answer any questions about Judge Walker, please reach out to me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell L. Weaver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell L. Weaver
Professor of Law & Distinguished University Scholar