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February 2, 2024

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association (RIPCA) to share our strong support for the nomination of the Honorable Melissa R. DuBose, Associate Judge, to the Federal District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

The RIPCA represents the Chief of Police as well as the second-in-command in each Rhode Island law enforcement agency. As experts in law enforcement, we are active on law enforcement policy issues and serve as a resource to decisionmakers at every level of government.

With an outstanding resume and record of service, we are pleased to offer our recommendation of Judge DuBose to you.

Judge Melissa R. DuBose has an exemplary and wide-ranging record of public service. A lifelong Rhode Islander, she was appointed to Rhode Island District Court in 2019 after serving as a corporate lawyer specializing in compliance, ethics, and fair trade. She currently sits in Providence County where she presides over criminal and civil cases. She began her legal career as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the criminal division, prosecuting juvenile cases. Prior to her legal career she was a public school history teacher and went to law school while working full time.

Judge DuBose serves on the Roger Williams University School of Law's Board of Directors and chairs its Diversity & Inclusion Committee. She is also a member of the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in Rhode Island Courts and serves as the chair of the Public Engagement and Education subcommittee. She is a member of the RI Foundation Board of Directors.

During her career in Rhode Island, Judge DuBose has developed a reputation for being forthright and committed to ensuring that all are afforded due process. She is passionate about wanting Rhode Islanders to have trust in the legal system, a value that all members of law enforcement share.

We are pleased to support Judge Melissa R. DuBose for a seat on the Federal District Court for the District of Rhode Island and respectfully ask for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Wordell", written in a cursive style.

Chief Sidney Wordell (ret.)
Executive Director
Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association