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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi to the District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am pleased to write in support of Zahid N. Quraishi. When he worked for me from 2003-2005, I found him to be a gifted and brilliant attorney, a courageous and deeply patriotic Army officer, and a genuine and trusted colleague.

Then-Captain (CPT) Quraishi signed in to the First Infantry Division at Schweinfurt, Germany as a new Judge Advocate attorney in 2003 when I served as the division Staff Judge Advocate, responsible for over 40 attorneys across several installations throughout Bavaria. As the division prepared to deploy to Iraq, CPT Quraishi's talent, selflessness and uncommon maturity made him a first choice to deploy with the team. From our combat march up from Kuwait to Tikrit, to his coordination of legal services to Soldiers as the Chief of Legal Assistance throughout the division's area of responsibility in Northern Iraq, CPT Quraishi worked tirelessly while always remaining calm under pressure and a genial teammate. Since our time together in Iraq and after redeploying to Germany through the end of our time together in 2005, I counted CPT Quraishi as one of the top officers and attorneys in the division.

I was always delighted when I would hear that he continued his career of stellar public service at the Department of Homeland Security, as Assistant U.S. Attorney, and later as U.S. Magistrate Judge. If confirmed, I am confident that the young man I knew will do honor to the bench in continued service to our Nation as U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Risch".

Stuart W. Risch
Major General, U.S. Army
Deputy Judge Advocate General