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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
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Re: Nomination of Julien Neals to the District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The New Jersey State Bar Association commends the nomination of Julien Neals to serve on the U.S. District Court of the District of New Jersey. Due to vacancies, the New Jersey federal bench has been operating in a state of emergency for several years and his nomination will help members of the public resolve their disputes in a timely fashion. Further, his confirmation will continue to ensure that our bench reflects the rich and diverse backgrounds of the people of this state.

Julien Neals has been an active member of the NJSBA's Commission on Racial Equity in the Law, which is studying the legal system to identify methods to address root causes of inequities in the profession and the law, and is a frequent speaker at educational programs. He has exemplary qualifications and extraordinary accomplishments that will be an asset to the federal bench and to the citizens of New Jersey.

Respectfully yours,


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