

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 16, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Earlier this year, we established a screening committee to review candidates for federal district court judgeships in the Northern District of Illinois (NDIL). Our NDIL screening committee, comprised of 12 distinguished members of Illinois' legal community, has carefully evaluated candidates by reviewing their professional records and application questionnaires, contacting references, and conducting interviews. The screening committee then submitted its findings and recommendations to us.

We have interviewed the finalists, reviewed their records, and consulted with each other regarding their qualifications. We now submit the following candidates for your consideration for current and future vacancies on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in alphabetical order:

Jeffrey Cummings  
Jeremy Daniel  
Nicholas Gowen  
LaShonda Hunt  
Lindsay Jenkins  
Nancy Maldonado  
Karen Sheley

We appreciate the opportunity to provide assistance and input in filling these vacancies, and we look forward to working with you to ensure a fair and swift confirmation process after you submit nominations to the Senate.

Sincerely,



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Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



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Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator