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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attention: Burt Wides, General Counsel

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support and endorsement of Judge Earl B. Gilliam as a candidate for the Federal Bench of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

I have been a member of the San Diego Police Department for twenty-four years, and for the last four years, I have had the pleasure of serving as Chief of Police. During this period of time, I have become very well acquainted with Superior Court Judge Earl B. Gilliam, both personally and professionally, and as a result I have developed a profound feeling of respect and admiration for him.

I recall Earl Gilliam's service as a member of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and his subsequent years of service as both a Municipal and Superior Court Judge. He has always, as an attorney and judge, fulfilled his obligations and performed his duties so as to earn the respect of prosecutors, defense attorneys and law enforcement agencies. Judge Gilliam's involvement in our community activities, aside from his professional life, has earned him the highest respect of citizens and community leaders in San Diego.

I believe that Judge Gilliam would strengthen the wisdom and fortitude needed in our justice system and I urge your committee's confirmation of the appointment of Earl B. Gilliam.

Sincerely,

W. B. Kolender

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Chief of Police