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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Honorable Mike DeWine
United States Senate
140 Russell Senate Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Jeffrey S. Sutton

Dear Senator DeWine:

I am writing to express my support of President Bush's nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Sutton for several years and I, like many others, have the utmost regard for his intellect and talent. What may be somewhat different about my support for Mr. Sutton is the fact that I do not share the "conservative" views for which Mr. Sutton is known. In fact, my views may be the polar opposite.

I serve as Executive Director of the Equal Justice Foundation, a non-profit, legal services provider that specializes in class-action, impact litigation for the benefit of disadvantaged individuals and groups. Prior to this position, I served as law clerk to two federal judges. In those capacities, I became quite familiar with Mr. Sutton's work. I admired Mr. Sutton's abilities so much that, upon joining the Equal Justice Foundation, I actively recruited him to become a member of the Equal Justice Foundation's Board of Trustees. Much to his credit, Mr. Sutton accepted and has been extremely supportive of the Foundation's work.

In sum, I believe that Mr. Sutton possesses all the necessary qualities to be an outstanding federal judge. I have no hesitation whatsoever in supporting his nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Skaggs