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Dear Justice Kennedy,

On behalf of Ohio Veterans United, it is an honor and privilege to inform you that after a thorough review of your background and experience, the Endorsement Committee has voted to award a "Highly Recommended" rating to you for your candidacy for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Justice Kennedy, in 2012, you were elected to an unexpired term on the Ohio Supreme Court and sworn in as the 154th Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, on December 7, 2012. Before serving on the Ohio Supreme Court you served as Judge of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division. You also served as Administrative Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division since 2005. As a judge of the court of common pleas your responsibilities included review of applications and resumes for appointment to the Butler County Veterans Service Commission. And as Justice you would work to advance development of specialized dockets for veterans and service members so that when possible they are linked with available services.

You began your legal career as a solo practitioner, and while in private practice you served the legal needs of families, juveniles, and the less fortunate. As Special Counsel for Attorney General Betty D. Montgomery, you fought on behalf of Ohio's taxpayers to collect monies due the State of Ohio. As a part-time Magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts you presided over a wide-array of civil litigation and assisted law enforcement officers and private citizens seeking the issuance of criminal warrants for arrest. Judge Kennedy, you began your career in the justice system as a police officer. she protecting and serving the citizens of the City of Hamilton. During your career at the Hamilton Police Department you worked undercover operations, implemented crime prevention programs, and later, as a civil assistant, assisted in drafting police policy and procedure for the Accreditation Program.

Throughout your career you have served on numerous boards, developed and facilitated programs to address the needs of young people, and worked with judges across the state. As a dedicated jurist you have received numerous awards of recognition including, The Furtherance of Justice Award, in 2001; Above the Fold Award, in 2002; Judge of the Year, in 2006; and Excellence in Public Service, in June 2009.

Ohio Veterans United believes you have a tremendous amount to offer in terms of integrity, professionalism, and public and community service. Ohio Veterans United is proud in supporting your candidacy for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

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