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To whom it may concern:

I am proud to be writing to you in support of a marvelously talented and respected South Dakotan, Brendan Johnson, for the position of United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota.

As a lead in, please let me explain a short synopsis of my background:

I served as a Legal Services Attorney representing indigent Native Americans for six and a half years from 1966 until the end of 1972. We were headquartered on the Rosebud Indian Reservation of South Dakota and ultimately were operating on 8 Indian Reservations in South and North Dakota. In addition, I was appointed to the First Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors by President Gerald Ford and confirmed in that position by the United States Senate.

I served as the elected Attorney General for South Dakota for 4 years and was elected Governor of South Dakota for 4 terms serving a total of 16 years in that office.

I also was elected and served as South Dakota's sole Congressional Person until I was involved in an automobile accident which caused my resignation from the House of Representatives.

During my years as Governor of South Dakota, I created the Internet Crimes Against Children Enforcement Unit. This was one of the earliest programs in the nation designed to help families protect children from sexual predators and in addition I set up and coordinated a statewide initiative against Family Violence, targeting the perpetrators of spousal abuse, child abuse and sexual abuse.

The above personal background is only presented in an attempt to explain part of the reasons for my familiarity with the person of Brendan Johnson and the position for which I wholeheartedly support and recommend him.

South Dakota is unique outpost for the United States Justice Department. It has 9 Native American Indian Tribes, only 750,000 residents and is a major transshipment point for illicit drug traffic between the Midwest and the West Coast.

Brendan Johnson is an individual who possesses unique attributes – genetic and developed. When I was Governor of South Dakota, he was a college student who was elected President of the Student Body at the University of South Dakota. On several occasions, I dealt with him as he presented, advocated and represented the point of view of the Higher Education students of South Dakota.

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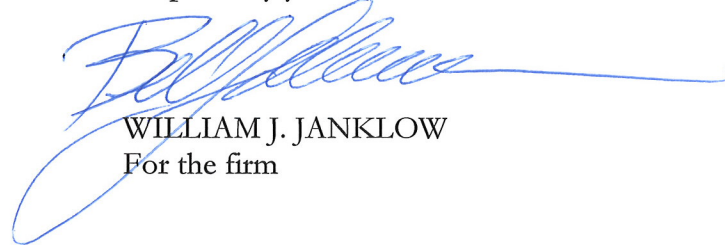
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Brendan Johnson served as a prosecutor of the State Attorney's Office in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. There he established an enviable reputation as a tough, fair, honest, competent and caring protector of society. He tackled and led the prosecution of many high profile cases including the attempted murder of two Sioux Falls police officers. He was not interested in headlines but was known for the support and interest in protecting the public – especially the children, the elderly and single parents. As a trial attorney, he was respected by law enforcement throughout South Dakota.

Brendan Johnson grew up in a political family; however, he has earned by his deeds, words and works the respect of the greater community. Brendan and his wife have shown by example in the way they reached out into central Africa and adopted two special needs children whose mother was afflicted with AIDS.

During my career I had the opportunity to work with 3 Presidential administrations in the selection of United States Attorneys for South Dakota. Brendan Johnson possesses all the attributes desired to be a great chief legal officer of the United State in South Dakota – the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota. I sincerely and honestly state that Brendan would serve with distinction, would make you proud of his tenure and would be an incredibly fair and tireless worker for our Country's justice system.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Janklow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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For the firm

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