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State Representative William Tong
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
Room 2500
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: Re-appointment of Hon. Barbara Brazzel-Massaró

Dear Representative Tong:

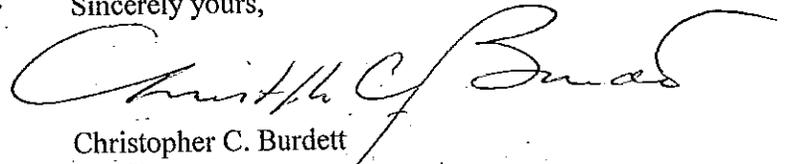
Judge Barbara Brazzel-Massaró has asked me to write to the Judiciary Committee in support of her nomination to be re-appointed as a judge of the Superior Court, which I understand is on the Judiciary Committee's agenda for consideration this coming Friday. It is both an honor and a privilege to do so.

I have been a trial lawyer since 1968, and practiced for over almost eight years before the New York Supreme Court in both Kings County and Manhattan, and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, before returning to my home state of Connecticut in 1976. During that time I have tried literally hundreds of cases before some of the best judges in the country.

In 2010 I met Judge Brazzel-Massaró when I was assigned to conduct a very difficult and challenging four-week trial before her and a jury in the Superior Court in Stamford in the now well-known case of *Kortner v. Martise*. While that trial did not end well (happily, following a reversal by the Supreme Court, the case was re-tried with a far better result), I can say without reservation that Judge Brazzel-Massaró did an extraordinary job of conducting the trial, and I came away from that experience with the sincere belief that she is as fine a judge as I've ever known. Judge Brazzel-Massaró has all the qualities which go into making an exceptional judge - she is knowledgeable in the law, wise, attentive, balanced, fair, patient and compassionate.

I realized that this may seem rather effusive, but I cannot apologize for that, since it is both sincere and entirely accurate. I urge the Judiciary Committee in the strongest possible terms to approve the reappointment of Judge Brazzel-Massaró.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher C. Burdett

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cc: Senator Antonietta Boucher