

February 10, 2014

Senator Jeff King
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Kathryn Gardner's nomination for Kansas Court of Appeals

Dear Senator King:

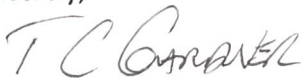
Kathryn and I have been married for over 36 years now. Like most in marriages of that duration, we've had our share of problems but have learned the value of forgiveness, the rewards of perseverance, and the joy of respecting one's spouse. We delight in our three grown daughters and our granddaughters.

I would like for the Committee to know about some of the sacrifices that Kathryn has consistently made throughout the years for our family and for my career as a State Trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol. When I first became a trooper, Kathryn gave up a job she enjoyed as an Assistant Attorney General in Topeka to move with me to Wichita where I was placed. Several years later when our first daughter was born, Kathryn gave up her full-time work as a law clerk to a federal trial judge so she could work part-time as was necessary for our family. She enjoyed being a litigator for the Martin Pringle law firm but followed me to Topeka when I transferred there as a pilot with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Kathryn returned to work full-time to support our family when I was compelled to retire from the KHP due to injuries suffered on the job. She chose to return to clerking with Judge Crow because that position would afford her greater flexibility and more time to invest in our children than being a full-time partner in her firm would.

Kathryn's career choices have always been motivated by the best interests of our family, rather than by a selfish desire for promotion. Her willingness to make my career a priority shows her humility and devotion. This is just one example of her character, as she is far from one-dimensional. Kathryn has always been involved in her church and community and has many skills other than her legal skills that make her a real Proverbs 31 woman, as her daughters often say.

If you confirm Kathryn for the Court of Appeals, I have no doubt that she will serve the State of Kansas in the same humble, intentional, and skilled manner with which she approaches her role as wife and mother.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T C Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Timothy Gardner