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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Armando Bonilla to the United States Court of Federal Claims. We are all current or former Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys who had the opportunity to work with Armando during his tenure at DOJ. We recognize the importance of all jurists to demonstrate a commitment to fidelity to the rule of law, independence, and fairness to all litigants. We each believe that Armando exemplifies each of these characteristics, and we uniformly agree that he is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Court of Federal Claims.

All of us have interacted with Armando and have witnessed first-hand his exceptional intellect, extraordinary work ethic, and commitment to the highest ethical and professional standards. Armando has dedicated the majority of his legal career to public service, having served a number of functions with the DOJ. During his 16 years as a Trial Attorney with the Department's Civil Division and then later with the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section and Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Armando litigated and directed over 150 cases on behalf of the DOJ. Many of these were significant matters involving corruption by public officials, tax evasion, and money laundering. Armando approached each of these cases with an unwavering commitment to justice and the administration of the rule of law.

Armando later served in leadership roles at the Department, first as an Associate Deputy Attorney General and then as an Associate General Counsel with the U.S. Marshal's Service. In those roles, Armando ensured that the DOJ's policies and priorities were applied in a fair and even-handed manner to all individuals. Throughout Armando's 24-year tenure with the DOJ, he consistently demonstrated impeccable judgment and integrity, and earned the trust and respect of colleagues, opposing counsel, and all judges before whom he appeared.

Beyond his many accomplishments and legacy with the DOJ, Armando was a terrific colleague and devoted friend. His humor, generosity, and willingness to help a colleague in need stand out as his greatest attributes. Those of us who were fortunate to have worked with Armando during his time at the Department have no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, ability, and temperament to serve honorably and with distinction as a federal judge. We enthusiastically

support his nomination and urge that the Senate confirm him to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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