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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Federal Judicial Nominee Salvador Mendoza

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

I write to you in support of my friend and colleague Salvador Mendoza.

Sal comes from humble roots. He was born to migrant worker immigrant parents who worked the fields to provide for Sal and his siblings. Throughout all of the academic and community accomplishments in his distinguished career as a prosecutor, public defender, successful private practitioner, trial lawyer, Superior Court Judge, or Federal District Court Judge, Sal has never lost the common touch. His character, his ethos, and his identity all center around his strong family values. And his humble roots continue to inform his perspective as a professional to this very day.

Sal's approach to the law is unassuming and sincere. For a philosophy major and legal scholar, Sal is plainspoken. He has no heir of intellectualism that plagues academics. Rather, his wisdom, intelligence, and insight are revealed through direct, clear, unambiguous, well distilled opinions. Nothing that Sal says or does as a judge is influenced by a political point of view.

Sal has the bone fides for the position—he's highly intelligent, morally coherent, service oriented, self-sacrificial, and courageous. But Sal has not lost sight of the real life struggles of regular people, or the real life effects the judicial system can have on regular, common folks. It seems especially fitting to have a "man of the people" sit in such a powerful judicial position. I

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know Sal will take on this responsibility with a reverence and perspective that few possess. You can count on him to make well informed, restrained, intellectually honest decisions as a judge. He has proven his reliability and trustworthiness in this community his entire life.

Sincerely,

ROACH & BISHOP, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian P. Roach", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian P. Roach