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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Recommendation of Maria Antongiorgi, Esq. for the Position of District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write this letter in support of María Antongiorgi's nomination for District Judge in the District of Puerto Rico. I have known Maria personally and professionally for the past 25 years and can, attest, without hesitation, that she possesses all the character traits that a judge of such a prestigious forum should be an example of.

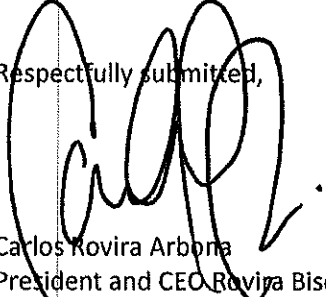
I met María through common friends. I have always been impressed with her listening skills and her analytical ability. As the current CEO of a 4th generation family business, Rovira Biscuits Corporation, we have been able to discuss and dissect extremely sensitive and complex topics regarding the wellbeing of corporations as well as employees. She has always been discrete, objective, clear, assertive and empathetic to the matters discussed. As a current Director of multiple third sector boards, Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association, The Chamber for Food Industry and Damas Hospital, I have experienced first-hand the needs of another sector that is vital to the economy and have been able to discuss with Maria the challenges in front and viable solutions.

I have witnessed how Maria has continued to expand her experience and knowledge in the legal arena. Her resume surely is a statement in that regard. During her career, she has ensured and expected from herself and associates the highest caliber of executive, legislative and judicial knowledge and has exercised prudence and objectivity in the matters she has overtaken. Nevertheless, I would really like to use the opportunity to talk about the sense of character and responsibility I have observed, that goes beyond a classroom and a courtroom. Maria is a perfect example of someone that is committed to her family, her friends, her community, her country. Maria is a loyal daughter, sister and aunt. She is always present having that right conversation with a teenager, when confused, with an elderly when in need.

I have no doubt that María will serve the people of Puerto Rico well and will continue to be a paragon of objectivity, reasoning and change, always ensuring that the correct processes are respected and executed in transparency of the court. As a family business owner and contributor to multiple third sector entities, it makes me proud and secure that we can have these levels of objectivity, professionalism and personal qualities as part of the forum that makes such pivotal decisions in our country.

I strongly recommend her for the position of United States District Judge.

Respectfully submitted,



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