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September 11, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Re: Nomination of Julie Rikelman to the First Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As a former and present member of law enforcement, it is my honor to write to express my support for the nomination of Julie Rikelman to serve as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. I worked as a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York for over 16 years where I was Chief of the White Plains Division, I served as a law clerk on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and I am currently a District Attorney in a County of nearly a million people. I understand the critical role our Federal Appeals Courts play in ensuring the rights, safety and livelihood of the American people and our institutions. It is for this reason that I am proud to support Ms. Rikelman, who is brilliant, committed to the rule of law, and deeply devoted to honoring the Constitution and protecting our civil rights and civil liberties.

Ms. Rikelman's resume speaks for itself – it reflects her sharp legal mind, her commitment to the law and civil rights, and her incredibly accomplished record as an appellate attorney culminating in her brilliant arguments of two landmark reproductive rights cases before the United States Supreme Court. There can be no question that she has the intellect and the rigorous training and experience to serve as an Appellate judge. However, it is more than just what you see on paper that make Ms. Rikelman so well suited for this role.

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I met Ms. Rikelman nearly 20 years ago. As a fellow woman in the legal field, we became close friends and often discuss our careers and legal issues where appropriate. What I have gotten to know and see over the years up close is her thoughtfulness, her balanced temperament and her collegiality and humility. I have gotten to see and hear how her and her family's experience as emigrants fleeing oppression to the United States has formed the backbone of her devotion to protecting and honoring the Constitution and laws of this Country. These are the things that, in my humble opinion and experience, distinguish great judges from good ones. Ms. Rikelman has all the makings of a great one.

I therefore respectfully urge the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to swiftly advance Ms. Rikelman's nomination and for the Senate to confirm this exceptional nominee without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miriam Rocah". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Miriam E. Rocah