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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write in support of the nomination of Ana Reyes to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. We have both enjoyed a partnership with Ana in private practice for over a decade where she structured an impressive pro bono practice as a champion of the rights of immigrants and victims of crimes, all the time while holding down a general civil litigation practice in federal courts throughout the United States.

We are both former Senate-confirmed officers of, respectively, the Departments of Defense and Treasury. Whit Peters served in the Clinton Administration as the Secretary of the Air Force, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, and the Principal Deputy General Counsel for DOD. He has also been a member of the Defense Science Board under President Obama and is currently a member of the Air Force Studies Board. David Aufhauser served under President George H. Bush as the General Counsel of the Treasury; the Chairman of the Terrorist Financing Policy Coordinating Committee for the National Security Council; and as the Treasury Department's representative on the Department of Justice Task Force on Corporate Fraud & Abuse.

We have both seen Ana in action and are familiar with her work. She is a powerful advocate; engages in the most sophisticated range of legal analysis and debate; and yet remains constant and true to the facts and the law of a case. Having practiced law for a combined eighty years—both in and out of the government—we are confident that, if confirmed, Ana will prove to be a fair, impartial, respectful, and forever inquiring Judge, always true to the Constitution and the laws of this land.

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We urge the Committee to proceed with a recommendation for confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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David. D. Aufhauser

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