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

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

Re: Recommendation of María 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:

As Dean of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, I write to you in support of the confirmation of María Antongiorgi-Jordán for the position of District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. I have known Antongiorgi for over 25 years and can attest she is highly qualified for the position and possesses a stellar reputation in the legal community.

Her trajectory as legal practitioner is impressive. After completing her LL.M. in Georgetown University, Antongiorgi went on to work at McConnell Valdes LLC, Puerto Rico's largest and premier law firm, where she worked for 23 years. During her time at the firm, María excelled as a litigator, practicing civil and criminal litigation. She was known for her strong work ethics and her stellar litigation record. I had the opportunity to co-host with her an employment law seminar for the public employees and witnessed her extraordinary performance. She is well regarded in the legal community as an expert and one of the best employment attorneys in Puerto Rico. In 2018 Antongiorgi joined the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Antongiorgi is known for having a keen mind, an impressive breadth of knowledge and a balanced approach to decision making. She is also known for being fair, courteous, temperate, attentive, and diligent. More so, she remains committed to the rule of law as attested by multiple seminars and events where she has participated as a lecturer.

I have no doubt that if appointed, Maria Antongiorgi would be an excellent judge. She will serve the people of Puerto Rico well and will become an asset to the federal bench. I strongly recommend her for the position of United States District Judge.

Sincerely,

Vivian I. Neptune-Rivera
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