

**United States Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510**

May 11, 2023

Re: United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Nomination of Judge Ana de Alba

To whom it may concern. I am writing to express my support for Judge Ana de Alba in her nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. I have had the pleasure of appearing before and working with Judge de Alba for many of the early years of my career. I first met Judge de Alba when she was appointed as a California Superior Court Judge in Fresno County. I was a Deputy District Attorney assigned to her courtroom in both the Criminal Misdemeanor and Juvenile Departments.

During my time appearing before Judge de Alba I came to learn about her fair and ethical values on the bench. She sought to ensure individual justice for every case in her court room. She showed proper sympathy for victims of crimes. She adequately held criminal defendants accountable for their actions. She would also ensure that the rights of the accused were protected. She is well acquainted with the law and strived to get to the heart of any legal issue. She is receptive to different points of view or different interpretations of law. She is humble enough to change her opinion when presented with persuasive perspectives, but also strong willed to stand firm on issues she is confident about. Judge de Alba's truly unbiased nature as a Judge is a quality that I believe is most important for a Circuit Judge.

I greatly respect Judge de Alba and endorse her on this nomination. I thank you for your time in considering my comments.

Sincerely,



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