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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit, professional organization representing over 32,000 federal law enforcement officers, I am delighted to submit this letter in support of the nomination and confirmation of Judge Cynthia Valenzuela Dixon to serve as United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Judge Valenzuela served in critical law enforcement roles at the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C., and at the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, California. As an AUSA, Judge Valenzuela successfully prosecuted a variety of federal criminal offenses from violent crimes to drug offenses to sensitive public corruption and complex fraud cases.

Judge Valenzuela was a forceful advocate for the United States who pursued justice without fear or favor. She took seriously her obligation to administer justice equally and impartially, and to pursue justice fairly, and not to secure convictions at all costs. She has worked tirelessly with agents from the Secret Service, the U.S. Marshal's Service, DEA, FBI, ATF, USPS Inspector General, and many others, and has received awards of commendation for successful prosecutions from various agencies.

Throughout her career, Judge Valenzuela has exercised discretion and judgment in a manner that was fair, thoughtful, and ethical. She is a person of great intelligence and integrity. Her commitment to civility and professionalism garnered her the respect of the federal law enforcement agents who were fortunate to work cases with her.

Seeking redress for victims was an important aspect of the job for Judge Valenzuela. Even before federal judges were required to allow victims to address the court, Judge Valenzuela vigorously advocated for them to be able to directly address the defendant at sentencing. Indeed, Judge Valenzuela received the U.S. Attorney's Office Victim Witness Award in 2003 for her efforts to make sure that victim's voices were heard.

Because those law enforcement officers who worked with Judge Valenzuela knew that she sought to build collaborative relationships in furtherance of public safety and the administration of justice, she was invited to be a member of the FBI Los Angeles Field Office community advisory committee even when she was no longer a federal prosecutor.

In short, Judge Valenzuela has demonstrated humility, honor, and faithfulness to the rule of law, all of which will make her an exceptional federal judge. We strongly endorse her nomination, and respectfully recommend that the Senate confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

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