

September 10, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman The Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member The Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington D.C. 20510

RE: The Nomination of Ms. Sarah Davenport to the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Sarah Davenport to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I am respectfully urging the Committee and full Senate to promptly review and confirm her nomination.

I am a retired Special Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, having served our country for over 32 years. Prior to retiring as the Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) of DEA's Houston Division, I served as the SAC of DEA's El Paso Division with responsibility for DEA operations in West Texas and all of New Mexico. I now serve as the Executive Director of the New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program.

I first met Ms. Davenport in 2014 during my assignment in El Paso and found her to be a very dedicated Assistant United States Attorney who was committed to the rule of law. She was then, and remains now, an aggressive but fair prosecutor. She works closely with the agents to obtain sufficient evidence against the most dangerous criminals in our society and then ensures they are properly sentenced within the federal guidelines.

I believe that Ms. Davenport's experience as a federal prosecutor will serve her, and those who come before her court, well. I know that as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of New Mexico, Ms. Davenport will interpret Federal law and adjudicate fairly. Her decisions will be based on the rule of law and will not be clouded by any personal, political, or religious bias.

As a friend and a colleague, I am pleased to join many other New Mexicans who know Sarah and support her for the position of District Court Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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