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

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

Re: Nomination of Sarah Davenport to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

Senator Heinrich's office has asked me to write a letter regarding the nomination of Sarah Davenport to serve as United States District Judge in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, and it is with great pleasure that I do so now. As a district court judge on the state level, I can appreciate the judicial skills needed to provide litigants meaningful and timely access to justice. The job requires a steady, firm, and courteous temperament, as well as the willingness to regularly work extra hours to ensure you have the requisite knowledge of various areas of the law in order to provide proper and reasoned rulings in a timely manner.

I have known Sarah Davenport for over 20 years, and throughout that time, she has proven herself, without fail, to be a woman of great character and integrity. She has shown a level of commitment to her work and to her community that is unshakeable, no matter the challenges she has faced. Mrs. Davenport's consummate work ethic has been evident ever since the early days of law school, where she never hesitated to put in the long hours required to gain the knowledge necessary to do her job with excellence. She has proven throughout her career as an Assistant United States Attorney, with an incredible case load, that she is committed to working tirelessly for justice.

On a personal level, I can attest that Sarah possesses a level of reliability and honesty that is beyond reproach. Throughout the two decades I have known her, she has never failed to remain courteous and kind to others, always professional in her discourse, and thoughtful in her speech, both privately and publicly.

Therefore, it is without hesitation of any kind that I wholeheartedly recommend Sarah Davenport to this position as I have every confidence that she will serve the citizens of our state and country with honor and excellence for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison P. Martinez

Thirteenth Judicial District Court Judge