



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of New Mexico
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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
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Re: Letter of Support for Sarah M. Davenport

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write to express my support of Sarah M. Davenport's nomination for United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

I have known Ms. Davenport for more than sixteen years. I met her as a brand-new Special Assistant United States Attorney in Las Cruces in early 2008. Soon after her arrival, I was appointed Branch Chief of the office and supervised her during her early years as a federal prosecutor. Immediately, her legal abilities, hard work and sage judgment were apparent to myself and our colleagues in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Her exceptional abilities and stand-out performance quickly led me to my easiest and best personnel action as branch chief – a zealous recommendation that she be hired as a full Assistant United States Attorney.

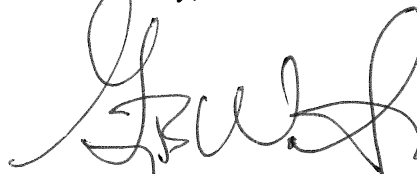
Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to work closely with her for long because I was appointed to my current position in May 2009. Since then, though, I've had the privilege to observe her from the new perspective of the bench. For the last fifteen years, I watched her prosecute every type of case that arises on the Southwest border. In every hearing, she is meticulously prepared. In every case, she is comprehensively knowledgeable on the law and the facts. In every interaction with the court and counsel, she is professional and completely

trustworthy. In all areas of her practice, she demonstrates an absolute commitment to public safety, the law, and a broad sense of justice. And, over the last three years, she has been imparting these skills and principles to the Assistant United States Attorneys she supervises.

In my four years serving as an active-duty United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps officer prosecuting courts-martial and eight years as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting federal crimes, I have practiced in front of countless judges. In my fifteen years as a United States Magistrate Judge, I have observed and learned from countless others. These experiences inform me when I respectfully advise you that Sarah Davenport has all the qualities of a great judge. She is unquestionably intelligent, thoroughly experienced and appropriately humble. I can confidently predict that she, as a judge, will quickly earn the respect and appreciation of counsel, litigants and her colleagues – just as she did in those first few months as a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

It is with great enthusiasm that I give my strongest support to Sarah Davenport's nomination. Her skills, personal demeanor and experience in this very Court make her uniquely qualified to handle the demands of a busy Southwest border docket. This community, which she so clearly loves, could ask for no better judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory B. Wormuth', written in a cursive style.

GREGORY B. WORMUTH
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
District of New Mexico