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U.S. District Judge

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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am pleased to respond to the request of Senator Heinrich by writing a letter regarding the nomination of Sarah M. Davenport to United States District Judge for the United States District Court of New Mexico.

I have been an active United States District Judge in the District of New Mexico since December 31, 2019. Prior to serving this Court, I was honored to serve the State of New Mexico as a District Judge for the Fifth Judicial District from 2014 to 2019. I also served as a United States Magistrate Judge (part-time) for the District of New Mexico from 2001 to 2014. I am well-aware of the unique and pressing needs of the District. I am invested in the continuation of an ethical and competent judiciary that is committed to following the law and meeting the needs of New Mexico in a diligent manner.

In my capacity as a District Judge and previously as a Magistrate Judge for the District, Sarah M. Davenport has appeared before me on numerous occasions. I have found Ms. Davenport to be competent, prepared, and knowledgeable in the law. She has always displayed a temperate demeanor while conducting herself with the utmost respect to the parties and the court. She is reasonable and does not hesitate to work with others for the purpose of serving justice.

I am confident that Ms. Davenport would be a fair and impartial judge. In my opinion, Sarah M. Davenport is well-suited and qualified to serve on the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I recommend that the Committee confirm the nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kea W. Riggs', written in a cursive style.

Kea W. Riggs  
United States District Judge

cc: Senator Heinrich