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

Re: Nomination of Serena Murillo for the U.S. District Court, District of California

Dear Honorable Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support of Judge Serena Murillo for appointment to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Judge Murillo for many years, and I can say that she is an exceptional candidate whose legal acumen, unwavering commitment to the rule of law, and exemplary judicial temperament will serve the federal bench with distinction.

Judge Murillo is a person of the highest integrity, committed to applying the law fairly and impartially. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated an understanding of legal principles and an abiding respect for the Constitution. Judge Murillo was a Deputy District Attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for 17 years. During that time, she tried some of the most serious cases countywide and consistently demonstrated fairness towards defense counsel and advocacy for victims of crime. She is known for her rigorous analysis and ability to distill complex legal issues into well-reasoned decisions.

One of Judge Murillo's defining qualities is her ability to maintain the impartiality essential to the fair administration of justice. Her commitment to fairness fosters trust in her decisions, and she consistently upholds the highest ethical standards of the judiciary.

Judge Murillo is widely regarded for her exceptional judicial temperament. She is calm, composed, and respectful in all courtroom interactions, creating an environment where all participants are treated with dignity and respect. Her demeanor fosters professionalism and civility, and her courtroom is a model of efficiency and order.

I am confident that Judge Serena Murillo would be an outstanding addition to the federal judiciary. Her dedication to the rule of law, her fairness and impartiality, her excellent judicial temperament, and her broad experience make her exceptionally well-qualified to serve as a federal judge. She is a jurist who will contribute positively to the legal community and ensure that justice is dispensed with integrity and fairness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Kraut", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael E. Kraut