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

Mr. Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham

It is with great pleasure that I offer this letter of recommendation for Sarah Davenport to serve as a judge in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Davenport for many years and can attest to her character and abilities.

I first met Ms. Davenport in 2015 while I served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Las Cruces, New Mexico. At the time, Ms. Davenport worked with a team of Assistant United States Attorneys, who oversaw DEA's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) investigations in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I learned during this period of Ms. Davenport's exceptional work ethic, reliability, and effectiveness in prosecuting high level investigations. Her ability to build trust and rapport with law enforcement officers was remarkable.

In 2018, I was relocated to South Texas and returned to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 2020 as the Deputy Director for New Mexico HIDTA. Upon my arrival I learned of Ms. Davenport's promotion to a supervisory role within the United States Attorney's Office. Her ascension to supervisor was certainly not a surprise. Ms. Davenport is a trusted leader and throughout her career she has earned the respect and loyalty of her colleagues and the law enforcement community.

I have the deepest respect for Ms. Davenport and sincerely believe that she will be fair and impartial in applying the rule of law to all who seek justice. Therefore, I kindly request that Ms. Davenport's nomination be promptly confirmed.

Respectfully,



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