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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Margaret Guzman for Federal District Court, Massachusetts

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in to you today in support of the nomination of Margaret Guzman to serve as a District Court Judge for Massachusetts. I have worked with Ms. Guzman for several years and believe that she has the integrity, perseverance, and wisdom to excel in this position. As an educator, I have had the honor to not only host Ms. Guzman as a guest speaker in my classroom, but also to take students on field trips to her courtroom. Both inside and outside of the courtroom, she has made a lasting impression on my students regarding the concept of justice, and both their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States in attaining and sustaining a just society. She has done this in three ways specifically.

First, Judge Guzman has come into the classroom several times prepared with full lesson plans in hand. She even brought props! On that day she did a powerful presentation about how many people do and do not exercise their power to make leadership decisions. In a very hands-on, tangible way, the point was unmistakable and quite sad. We discussed why this lack of interest and activism exists and about how privileged we are as individuals to have this right. I am certain that the students present will never forget that presentation, and I am certain they were more likely to vote as they were all very close to the age of majority. Her approach was creative and effective. Judge Guzman has a natural, easy-going charisma that makes her accessible to students yet she evokes a serious confidence and respect at the same time. This is a notable balance and a true talent.

Second, I have also had the pleasure to bring several groups of students to the courthouse for a field trip. These were exciting occasions. Every teacher knows that the relationship building that goes on outside of the school building during a field trip is worth every bit of torment that is involved in planning one. I have planned so very many but the ones to the courthouse were particularly special because we had the presiding judge as our guide and mentor. Judge Guzman took time to address all students before court began, checked in with them throughout the busy morning from the bench, and used her lunch recess to take them on a tour! I was humbled and so grateful for how special she made every one of us feel.

Finally, Judge Guzman has not only invested her time and talent into my student's experience but has taken the time to teach me as well. Her extensive knowledge of law and of history has complimented my curriculum over the years. She is calm, organized, and well-spoken. Even more, she is an exceptional listener. The extra moments she has shared with me to answer my questions and help to prepare me are invaluable and have definitely made me a stronger and more versatile social studies teacher.

For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly extend my heartfelt recommendation of Margaret Guzman for your consideration. Beyond being an exceptional jurist, Judge Guzman models a commitment to education and equity that is unparalleled in my experience.

Sincerely,

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