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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of David Herrera Urias to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write in support of the nomination of David Herrera Urias to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I respectfully urge the Committee and full Senate to promptly review and confirm his nomination.

I am an attorney in private practice in New Mexico practicing almost exclusively before the U.S. District Courts. I have been practicing law for 26 years. Prior to my work as a private practitioner, I was a federal and state prosecutor for over 11 years for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am also a naturalized U.S. citizen who has been an active registered Republican since becoming a U.S. citizen in 1996.

I strongly support Mr. Urias' nomination because of his consistent and dedicated commitment to fairness, brilliant legal mind and fidelity to the rule of law. I have known Mr. Urias and his family for over 27 years. I know he is an individual of strong moral character and traditional values. He comes from a hardworking, honest and disciplined family.

Over the past two decades I have become familiar with Mr. Urias' abilities as a diligent litigator with an impeccable reputation for honesty and fairness. I am confident that as a judge Mr. Urias will be faithful to the rule of law and will exhibit integrity and fairness. Mr. Urias' record and skilled advocacy at both the state and federal levels make him well-suited to serve on the U.S District Court for the District of New Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted

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