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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 U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in support of Margaret Guzman who has been nominated to serve as a District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts. I have known Judge Guzman for over 30 years. I was first introduced to Judge Guzman when she was a trial attorney with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Worcester, Massachusetts and I was an Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Worcester Superior Court. Over the years I had an opportunity to handle multiple felony cases with her and tried cases to verdict before juries in the Worcester Superior Court. She was always well prepared, courteous and a strong advocate for her clients. She was a worthy opponent in the courtroom but always conducted herself in a professional manner. You knew when you had a case with her that she would always bring out the best in you.

When Governor Patrick nominated Judge Guzman to be an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts District Court in 2009, I had the privilege of appearing before her as a defense attorney. She was always extremely respectful to both sides and more importantly treated your client with the utmost respect. She had a firm understanding of the law and the rules of evidence. You always felt that she was completely objective and provided a fair and open forum for your client. Regardless of the outcome, it was always a pleasure to appear before her.

Judge Guzman possesses every personal trait that signifies excellence in the judiciary- commitment to the law, a strong work ethic and unquestioned integrity. Judge Guzman has the intellect, thorough understanding of the trial process and judgement necessary to serve as a federal judge. This is evidenced by her years of service as a public defender in Massachusetts and as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts District Court.

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I highly recommend Margaret Guzman for confirmation. I believe that she would make an excellent federal judge.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. White