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Hon. Richard Durbin
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Senate Judiciary Committee
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Hon. Charles Grassley
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write today to express my support for the confirmation of Mr. Matthew Garcia as United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. In my prior capacity as United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, I had occasion to work closely with Mr. Garcia on several matters. Through our personal and professional interactions, I have come to know Mr. Garcia as an extremely capable attorney, and a person of inherent fairness and integrity who is committed to the rule of the law and the impartial administration of justice. If fortunate enough to be confirmed as a federal judge, I have every confidence that he would serve the people of New Mexico with distinction.

While serving as United States Attorney, I had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Garcia in his capacity as Chief Counsel to New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. Of particular note, Mr. Garcia and I had multiple interactions on questions surrounding COVID-19 protocols, including on legal questions concerning school closures and other public safety measures. In all of those interactions, Mr. Garcia was oriented toward finding workable solutions that complied in all respects with applicable law, and that balanced preservation of fundamental rights with protection of the public health.

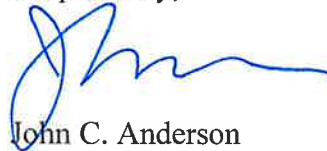
Given Mr. Garcia's many years of legal practice in New Mexico, he is also uniquely familiar with many of the distinct legal issues facing our State. By way of example, as Chief Counsel to the Governor, Mr. Garcia was directly involved in the Governor's efforts to promote public safety and reduce violent crime in New Mexico. Prosecutors from my former office worked closely with him in this initiative. I have every confidence that as a result of this experience Mr. Garcia understands the importance of promoting public safety, and the pivotal role that judges play in protecting the public while ensuring that the rights of all participants in the criminal justice systems are respected.

In summary, I commend Mr. Garcia for confirmation as a District Judge without reservation. If so confirmed, I am confident that he would capably administer equal and impartial

justice to all who come before him, in accordance with the rule of law, and without respect to any political or other considerations.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for the Committee's consideration of his nomination.

Respectfully,



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