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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 am writing 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 humbly request the Committee and full Senate to review and confirm his nomination.

I am a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I proudly served our country for 30 years in the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada Divisions of the FBI. During that time, I became very aware of how important the position of U.S. District Court judge is in our justice system. Only the most highly qualified candidates should be appointed to this office. Anything less would do a disservice to promoting the interests of justice.

I have known, and been a close personal friend of Mr. Urias, for the last 44 years. Mr. Urias comes from a family with hard working middle class parents. They instilled in him a strong work ethic and high morals. This is evidenced in part by the impeccable legal career Mr. Urias has enjoyed.

I know that as a U.S. District Court judge for the District of New Mexico Mr. Urias will be able to interpret Federal law and adjudicate fairly. His decisions will be based on the rule of law and will not be clouded by any personal, political or religious bias.

I do not take the writing of this letter on behalf of Mr. Urias lightly. If I did not believe that he was supremely qualified for the position of U.S. District Court judge I would have politely declined to write this letter despite our friendship.

Based on Mr. Urias' legal acumen, high moral character and strong work ethic, I respectfully request that his nomination be speedily affirmed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene M. Tierney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G" and "T".

Gene M. Tierney