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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honorable Senator Durbin
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Senator Grassley
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dana Remus
White House Counsel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Endorsement of Judge Salvador Mendoza Jr. for Federal Judge

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley and White House Counsel Remus:

We write on behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) to endorse the nomination of Judge Salvador Mendoza Jr to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals in the United States and Puerto Rico. One of the HNBA's many institutional objectives is to advocate and work to ensure that the federal and state judiciary is diverse and reflects the citizens that come before the courts on a daily basis.

The HNBA has conducted due diligence on Judge Mendoza Jr. Our evaluation included an initial paper screening of resumes, social media, and writings/articles to establish minimum qualifications. Candidate and reference interviews along with interviews with peers, attorney peers, and community leaders were conducted to assess relevant legal experience, scholarly work, temperament, reputation, and involvement in the Hispanic community. Judge Mendoza Jr. has an impressive career, is actively involved in the local legal community, and has a good temperament for the bench.

Judge Mendoza Jr. graduated from the University of Washington in 1994 and received a Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law in 1997. After graduation, he served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Washington State Attorney General's Office. From 1998 until 1999, Judge Mendoza Jr. served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Franklin County, Washington prosecutor's office.

Mendoza Jr. followed with a long tenure as a solo practitioner, focusing on criminal defense until 2013. During that time period, Judge Mendoza Jr. served as a judge pro tempore in various district, municipal,

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and juvenile courts in Benton and Franklin Counties. Judge Mendoza Jr. also helped establish a juvenile drug court program in the local state courts.

In 2013, Judge Mendoza Jr. was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on the Superior Court bench. In 2014, Judge Mendoza Jr. was nominated by President Barack Obama and was appointed as the first Latino Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington.

Judge Salvador Mendoza Jr. is well respected and admired by his colleagues and other members of the Bar for his high intellect, notable competence, and good character.

We endorse Judge Salvador Mendoza Jr. for your consideration and selection for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

If you have any questions concerning this endorsement, please do not hesitate to contact us at the HNBA National Office at (202) 223-4777 or contact Carlos Bollar directly at president@hnba.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert Raben
Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

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Co-Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

cc:
Mariana Bravo, HNBA National President-Elect