

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Mónica Ramírez Almadani to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Each of us had the privilege of serving with Ms. Ramírez Almadani, either as Assistant United States Attorneys, or during her service in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division or the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Based on our experience working with Ms. Ramírez Almadani, we are confident that she would serve with great honor and distinction as a federal judge. We know her to be passionately committed to the rule of law, to equal justice, and to fairness.

Ms. Ramírez Almadani served in critical law enforcement roles at the Department of Justice in Washington, with the California Attorney General's Office, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. As an AUSA, Ms. Ramirez Almadani successfully prosecuted a variety of federal criminal offenses, from human trafficking and child exploitation crimes, to sensitive public corruption cases. In doing so, her conduct as a lawyer for the United States consistently reflected the best traditions of the Justice Department, among them the commitment to pursue justice without fear or favor. Ms. Ramírez Almadani was a tireless and forceful advocate for the government who ensured that the government lived up to its obligation to discharge justice equally and impartially. This dedication, and her strong commitment to civility and professionalism inside and outside the courtroom, earned the respect of her colleagues and partners in law enforcement, as well as those in the defense bar.

In each of her positions, Ms. Ramírez Almadani distinguished herself as an uncommonly strong courtroom advocate, as a thoughtful and rigorous lawyer, and as a warm and gracious colleague. She is a diligent and critical thinker, a hard worker, collegial, and fair-minded. Simply put, we believe she is perfectly suited and highly qualified to serve as a District Judge.

We offer our unequivocal endorsement of her nomination and respectfully recommend that the Senate confirm her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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