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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
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**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,

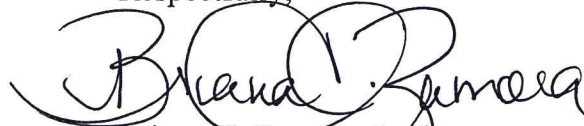
My name is Briana Zamora and I am currently a Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court and a former state district court judge. It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend the nomination of David Herrera Urias to serve as a judge in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Mr. Urias and I met over two decades ago at the UNM School of Law. Since that time, I have always been impressed by Mr. Urias intellect, keen sense of justice and calm demeanor.

As a state court judge for over a decade, I understand the judicial skills needed to provide litigants meaningful and timely access to justice. Mr. Urias work ethic is unmatched. Like many states, New Mexico has a backlog of cases. I am confident that Mr. Urias will work tirelessly to ensure the timely disposition of cases. Additionally, his brilliant legal mind and diligence in analyzing the law will provide litigants with well-reasoned and just decisions.

At a personal level, Mr. Urias is a genuine and thoughtful person who has served New Mexico with integrity. New Mexico is a diverse state, not only culturally, but also geographically. Because Mr. Urias was born, raised, and educated in New Mexico he has a deep understanding and appreciation of New Mexico's diversity. He has empathy for all individuals involved in our

justice system regardless of their background. It is without hesitation, that I recommend Mr. Urias for this position. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Briana H. Zamora". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing loops.

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