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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

It is my great pleasure to add my voice in support of Sal Mendoza for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge. I am the president of Tri-Cities Prep, a Catholic college-prep high school located in Pasco, Washington. My input is that of a school administrator working with parents whose children attend our school.

Judge Mendoza and his wife have two children who attend Tri-Cities Prep. Since the first day their eldest enrolled, Judge Mendoza has been an attentive and supportive parent. If a situation called for concern, Judge Mendoza approached it with an attitude of calmness, intentionality, and a good amount of common sense. Judge Mendoza has been an active parent in our school, participating in various fund-raisers and supporting his children's many athletic and academic endeavors. As an administrator, I have never received anything but support and open communication with Judge Mendoza and his wife, Mia. They are caring and nurturing parents with the ability to see the "big picture" for their children. As an administrator, Judge Mendoza is a parent with whom it is a pleasure to collaborate efforts to improve our school.

Several years ago, Judge Mendoza participated in a speaker series here at our school entitled "The Best Piece of Advice I Ever Received." Judge Mendoza spoke of his childhood which included watching his father being kidnapped and his journey into law, beginning with his acceptance to the University of Washington. His story made the biggest impression on our seniors by far and away. He was approachable and positive with them, and they felt his sincere and genuine interest in their future. He truly is an example that in this great nation of ours, you can be anything you want to be if you put your mind to it and work hard.

I enthusiastically and without reservation urge the Committee to approve the nomination of Judge Sal Mendoza to serve as Judge on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Jacobs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lisa Jacobs
President
Tri-Cities Prep