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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to express my enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Regina Rodriguez to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Gina is undoubtedly qualified and has spent her career lifting up those around her. The people of Colorado would be well served by her confirmation.

I have been lucky enough to have a number of mentors in my life, but none have been as important or as impactful as Gina. Gina took me under her wing when I was a junior associate, and she transformed my understanding of what it means to be a woman practicing law and what it means to be an advocate for others. As a woman of color, Gina is not well represented among her peers. Rather than simply blend in with those around her, however, she has used her success to create a springboard for others who have been traditionally underrepresented. Gina offers unending support, advice, and opportunity to those who need it. She works to instill in young lawyers a confidence that is hard to muster when you come into a profession feeling like an outsider.

I have no doubt that Gina will approach the bench in the same way that she has approached the rest of her career—with thoughtfulness and grace and informed by her own unique experiences. Gina has already made real and lasting changes in the lives of many young lawyers, including myself, and her presence in the Colorado legal community has made it a more inclusive and equitable place. Gina is an outstanding person, role model, and friend, and I can think of no better candidate to serve the people of Colorado.

Best regards,

By:   
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