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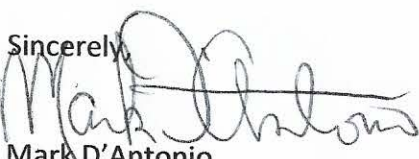
The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
201 N. Church Street, Suite 305  
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Dear Senator Heinrich:

I have been a FBI agent, Assistant United States Attorney, and a District Attorney for two election cycles. I have worked with Margaret Strickland for the past 10 years. Ms. Strickland and I have been on opposite sides in many criminal cases. I was always impressed by her respect for law enforcement and other State witnesses. Ms. Strickland is fair and trustworthy and her in-court presentations are extremely competent, professional and respectful. I know her to be an honest and ethical defense attorney. She is a rare combination of one who deeply cares about her clients, but also follows the rule of law in all her cases.

It is my opinion, having worked in the judicial system for over 30 years in both the Federal and States systems that we need judges who understand the law, are fair, predictable and respectful. I am confident Ms. Strickland has the judicial temperament to achieve all these goals. I would have no hesitation appearing before Ms. Strickland in a criminal matter as a prosecutor. I would anticipate a fair, unbiased and clean trial. That has been my experience in criminal court with every case that I tried with her. I give her my strongest recommendation to sit on the Federal bench and look forward to appearing before her with the knowledge that both parties will be treated with respect and fairness. I am happy to answer any further questions you may have regarding Ms. Strickland's character and her overwhelming qualifications to be a Federal District Judge.

Sincerely,

  
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