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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Grassley:

As the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and a member of the law enforcement and legal community generally, I am writing in recognition of Judge Perez's strong, effective and long-standing role in criminal justice issues. Judge Perez comes from a law enforcement family; such direct familiarity with the experiences and challenges of law enforcement enriches her understanding of criminal justice issues.

Judge Perez's professional experiences as a criminal defense attorney and judge in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania offer a practical familiarity with these important issues. I also recognize her approach as a Pennsylvania state judge was one of listening to all voices and stakeholders – a record both exemplary and effective. Good faith engagement with all perspectives is the best way to forge lasting solutions.

Additionally, I have worked directly alongside Judge Perez while she was an associate at Friedman Schuman in the municipal law unit, which I oversaw. She and I worked together to represent

several townships and boroughs in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. During the course of that work, I witnessed her steadfast commitment to making decisions and recommendations which were legally and ethically sound, regardless of any external pressure to do otherwise.

Judge Perez brings a depth of academic, public service, and judicial service that leads to but one conclusion – she is eminently qualified to serve in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She graduated from Temple Law School. She has front-line experience as a public defender. Her 6 years of service as a trial judge illustrates her exemplary judicial record.

In sum, as a law enforcement leader, I offer my recognition of Judge Perez's strong qualifications to serve people of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and urge her historic confirmation to proceed without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted



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