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The Hon. Chuck Grassley
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The Hon. Pat Toomey
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RE: Philadelphia Bar Association Support for Senate Confirmation of Hon. Mia Roberts-Perez as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear President Biden, White House Counsel Remus and Sens. Casey, Durbin, Grassley and Toomey:

On behalf of the membership of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I would like to praise the nomination of Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Mia Roberts-Perez as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and express our support for a swift Senate confirmation process.

Founded in 1802, the Philadelphia Bar Association is the oldest association of lawyers in the United States. Our mission is to serve the profession and the public by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. In so doing, the Association strives to foster understanding of, involvement in, and access to the justice system.

A respected Philadelphia trial judge and former public defender, Judge Roberts-Perez would be the first Asian-American to serve on the federal bench in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and only the second Latinx person to do so. Her appointment to the U.S. District Court for the EDPA would be the culmination of a distinguished career in law

and reflect a deep passion for the profession that began when she participated in a mock trial program as a high school student.

Prior to being elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2016, Judge Perez ran a solo practice from 2011-2016 and was an associate at Friedman Schuman from 2010 to 2011. She received her J.D. from Temple University's Beasley School of Law, where she has served as an adjunct professor, and her B.A. from Tufts University.

A Philadelphia native and of the youngest candidates ever to win a term on the city's bench, Judge Roberts-Perez has also generously given her time to our community. As a member of our Association, she is currently serving as a judicial representative on the planning committee for our annual Bench-Bar conference.

We are proud to support the nomination of Judge Roberts-Perez as U.S District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Our Association stands ready to do anything we can to assist with a smooth confirmation process and also to offer our support after she is officially appointed to the role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley R. Payne, IV".

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