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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to support the nomination of Ana Reyes, whom President Biden has recently nominated to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. I know Ms. Reyes from her days as a student at Harvard Law School, view her with enormous admiration, and support her nomination with utmost enthusiasm.

In my forty years of law school teaching, Ms. Reyes stands out as among the small, select cohort of students who have impressed me the very most. She first came to my attention as a student in my Constitutional Law class, when her intelligence and insight so dazzled me in the classroom that I sought her out to work for me as a research assistant. As a research assistant, Ms. Reyes was equally brilliant. I vividly recall, and remain grateful to this day, for her help to me in producing a revised edition of a Constitutional Law casebook and an article subsequently published in the Harvard Law Review entitled *As-Applied and Facial Challenges and Third-Party Standing*. Both were markedly improved by her extraordinary assistance.

As I reflect back on my experiences with Ms. Reyes, three qualities – all of which make me believe that she would be a judge of the very highest distinction – stand out. First, as I have said already, Ms. Reyes is brilliant, even by the high standard of Harvard Law School students. Second, Ms. Reyes is exceedingly diligent and hard-working. In assisting me, she left no stone unturned in her search for relevant information, ideas, and sources and offered searching commentary on the manuscripts on which I solicited her editorial assistance. Third, unlike some brilliant individuals, Ms. Reyes is humble, thoughtful, and unfailingly respectful of others.

Although I will leave it to others to speak of Ms. Reyes's legal career since graduating from Harvard Law School, everything that I know about it confirms me in my judgment that she is a person of surpassing intellect, excellent judgment, and outstanding personal character.

Overall, I am confident that Ana Reyes would be a credit to the federal bench in every possible respect. I therefore hope that the Senate will vote swiftly to confirm her appointment to the District Court for the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Richard Fallon