

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Regina Rodriguez for U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are former United States Attorneys (appointed by Presidents from both political parties) who have had significant experience in the civil and criminal justice system. We write this letter in support of the confirmation of Regina Rodriguez to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

There is a great need here to fill the vacant position on the federal bench. The population in Colorado has grown dramatically over the past decade which has increased the demands on our courts. Colorado federal judicial officers' caseload is one of the highest in the country, and an unfilled vacancy on our court adversely impacts our citizens and our state.

We believe that Ms. Rodriguez should fill this vacancy. Prior to moving to private practice, Ms. Rodriguez was an Assistant U.S. Attorney handling civil cases for the United States, and then Chief of the Civil Division in the District of Colorado, where she supervised and directed all active civil cases for the office. When she was elevated to Chief of the Civil Division, Ms. Rodriguez was the youngest person to serve in that role in Colorado and was the first of Japanese and Mexican descent. She also was appointed as a member of the U.S. Attorney General's Civil Chief's working group, and served in the Assistant Attorney General's Office for the Department of Justice as the Deputy Senior Counsel for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Working with senior counsel, she helped establish and implement a nationwide ADR program in order to obtain better and more efficient results in litigation. As part of this process, Ms. Rodriguez became a certified mediator for the Department of Justice. Ms. Rodriguez's career as a civil lawyer for the United States in the federal courts is truly distinguished.

Ms. Rodriguez has been practicing law for over 30 years, both in public service and private practice. She is an excellent trial attorney, and has been awarded countless honors for her work in the courtroom and the community.

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We believe that Ms. Rodriguez's experience, knowledge, demeanor and work ethic make her an ideal candidate for the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. She would bring an even handed approach to cases that come before her, favoring neither plaintiff nor defendant, rich nor poor. Based upon this, we urge the confirmation of Regina Rodriguez to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

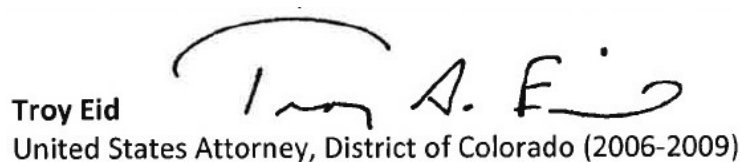
Sincerely,

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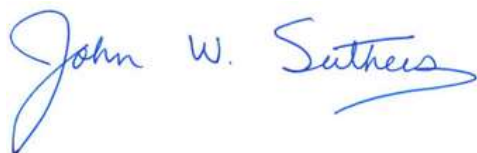
Jason Dunn
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (2018-2021)

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John Walsh
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (2010-2016)
Chair, Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys (2015-2016)

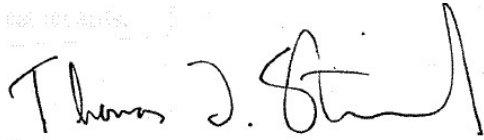
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Troy Eid
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (2006-2009)

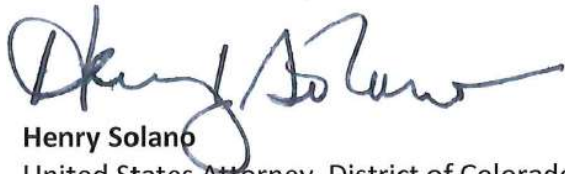
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John Suthers
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (2001-2005)

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Thomas Strickland
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (1999-2001)

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Henry Solano
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (1995-1999)
Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys (1994-95)

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Robert Miller
United States Attorney, District of Colorado (1981 – 1988)