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Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-135
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judge Salvador Mendoza

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are pleased to offer this letter of support regarding your consideration of Judge Salvador Mendoza for appointment to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Mendoza has been involved with our Commission since he was a lawyer and state superior court judge. As one of the few Latino lawyers in southeastern Washington State, he recognized how important it was to be a role model for young Latino/a children and how important it was to be visibly present in the community.

Each year the Minority and Justice Commission sponsors a Youth Forum. The Forum is an opportunity for those of who work in the court system to speak with young people and to encourage them to stay in school. Our partner agencies included law enforcement, lawyers, court reporters, clerks, and teachers. Judge Mendoza consistently helped plan these annual events and more importantly he recruited judges from around the state to join the event because he recognized how critical it was for young people to have direct contact with judges and other role models. Because many of these young people were children of migrant farmworkers, Judge Mendoza's presence and leadership role was especially impactful.

Judge Mendoza has a reputation for being intelligent, fair, and hard-working as a judge. We are so pleased that he may have this opportunity to serve a wider community with his appointment. He represents all that is good about

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this country and the importance of remaining connected to local communities and young people. The Commission is proud of Judge Mendoza, the work he has done both on and off the bench, and his inspirational leadership.

Sincerely,



Justice Mary Yu
Co-Chair



Judge Veronica Galván
Co-Chair