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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Ana Reyes for confirmation as a District Judge in the District of Columbia.

By way of introduction, I once served as Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, as Counselor to the Attorney General, Edward Levi, in the Ford Administration and Attorney General Griffin Bell in the Carter Administration, and Special Assistant to Attorney General William French Smith in the Reagan Administration. In each of these positions, I became familiar with the nomination and confirmation process for judicial appointments and, importantly, the traits of skilled lawyers that would make them excellent Judges at the trial and appellate levels and, indeed, at the level of a Justice in the Supreme Court. I can say unequivocally that Ana Reyes possesses those traits.

As a partner at Williams & Connolly, I have known Ana for more than 20 years. Indeed, for many of the cases on which I worked, I would seek out Ana to ask her to join me in the representation of clients, first as an associate, then as my law partner. She always displayed a keen insight on the law as well as an ethical perspective which would make any colleague proud. Her legal acumen is incisive. But, it is her heart that truly sets her apart – as a model for any lawyer, young or old. She sought out opportunities to assist those in dire need of help, including those in foreign countries who had been targeted by terrorist organizations, helping them to escape abuse, mutilation and even death. But, her assistance did not stop upon entry of a favorable court decree. Instead, she ensured that they had food to eat, a safe place to stay and clothes to wear. Ana's legacy at our firm will be the regimen she established for helping those on the margins of humanity. In the courtroom, her mind and heart will be displayed in her naturally pleasant demeanor toward the advocates before her.

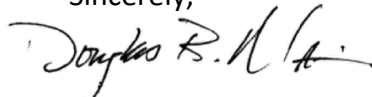
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Etched in the wood paneling adorning the rotunda just outside the Attorney General's Office is an inscription: "The United States wins its point whenever justice is done its citizens in the courts." The inscription commonly refers to the law enforcement powers of the Government. But, it could also be read to encompass more than that. In Ana's court, this guiding principle would be applied every day in its broadest sense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Marvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Douglas R. Marvin