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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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RE: Nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, for U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, to serve as a District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts. I have known Judge Guzman for nearly 30 years and have worked with her in various capacities during said timeframe. I first met Attorney Guzman when I was a new attorney working in the criminal defense field. Judge Guzman in her then role, as trial attorney for the Public Defender Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services was extremely helpful and served as a mentor to many new attorneys, myself included.

In this capacity she was patient, knowledgeable, and professional with fellow counsel. Also, as an attorney I was able to witness Judge Guzman while she was practicing law bring matters before the court on a number of occasions. In this regard she was always well prepared and courteous to all court personnel while representing her clients before the court.

Also, throughout her career Judge Guzman has been civic minded and willing to serve the community in a variety of ways. As a member of the City of Worcester's Planning Board and board member of the Worcester Business Development Corporation she helped strengthen the city and region economically. As a board member of the Worcester Tree Initiative, she assisted in tree replanting efforts in the aftermath of Worcester losing 30,000 trees, as a result of the Asian Long-horned Beetle infestation. Lastly, as a member of the Worcester Youth Center Board she helped developed strategies and activities to provide various educational and employment opportunities for the city's young people.

I enthusiastically support Judge Guzman for confirmation and believe she will be an excellent judge in the U.S. District Court, where she can continue to serve the interests of justice.

Yours Truly,

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