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United States Senate  
Committee On the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
Attention: Senator Richard Durkin

Dear Senator Durkin

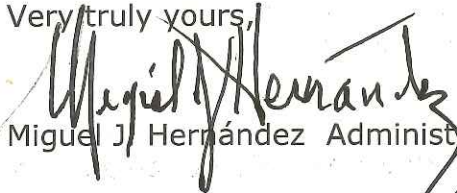
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The Community Relations Service Remembered (CRSR) is an organization of retired mediators and other former members of the Community Relations of the US Department of Justice. In this regard, CRSR wishes to express its hope that the Judiciary Committee will confirm President Biden's nomination of Mr. Paul Monteiro as Director of the Community Relations Service.

As you know, President Obama appointed him as National Director of AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and later on February 29, 2016, Acting Director of the Community Relations Service (CRS) until January 2017. During this short but productive tenure he was able to marshal his limited resources to enable 50 CRS mediators to address hundreds of community-wide conflicts all across the US and its territories. These disputes centered around actual and perceived discrimination against groups of people based on their race, color national origin, gender identity and sexual orientation. As you can imagine was and still is a highly difficult, complex and sensitive task and without doubt Paul is the person who can provide the leadership CRS needs to help our nation "establish justice" [and] "insure domestic tranquility" within our borders.

In summary, he is a well experienced and highly capable executive who can "hit the ground running" as head of CRS; (aka "The Nation's Peacemaker.") He knows first-hand, how to lead a small agency with the large and dicey mandate of impartial and confidential conciliation and mediation services to help local governments and diverse civic organizations in responding to and preventing the escalation of racial differences from mere disagreements into full-blown civil disturbances. We CRS veterans can think of no better person than Paul Monteiro to put into secular governmental practice the biblical mandate of, "Come, Let Us Reason Together." I remain,

Very truly yours,



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