



The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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**Re: Nomination of David Herrera Urias to the U.S. District Court for the District of
New Mexico**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing in support of the nomination of David Herrera Urias to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I am respectfully urging the Committee and full Senate to promptly review and confirm his nomination.

I am a retired Law Enforcement Official with over 28 years of active law enforcement employment having spent 8 years as a police officer with the Albuquerque Police Department in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and 20 years as a Special Agent in the United States Secret Service.

During my U.S. Secret Service career, I was assigned to the Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Houston and San Antonio Field Offices. I retired as the Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio Division. During my career, I was also assigned to the Intelligence Division and five years as a member of the elite Presidential Protection Division at the White House, three years during the administration of President George H.W. Bush and the first two years of President Bill Clinton's first term in office. After my retirement from active law enforcement, I formed a consulting company which resulted with me meeting and working with Mr. David Urias.

During my tenure in law enforcement, I worked with countless attorneys and appeared before numerous judges in state and federal courts. It is my belief that those experiences qualify me to provide my thoughts on the nomination of David Urias to the federal bench.

I have worked with and developed a personal and professional friendship with Mr. Urias for over ten years, and I can highly recommend him to the position of federal district court judge. I have witnessed how Mr. Urias interacts with clients, witnesses, and law enforcement officials. In all circumstances I have observed him to be a person of great character, integrity and respect towards clients, witnesses, and law enforcement officials. Specifically, his interactions with law enforcement officials have at all times been respectful and professional including interactions in court proceedings.



Mr. Urias's personal conduct has always been above reproach with everyone I've witnessed him have interactions.

I sincerely again request that the Committee and the full Senate promptly confirm Mr. Urias's nomination, as I know that his presence on the federal bench will be a positive action for the District of New Mexico and the federal judiciary. I am confident that as a judge Mr. Urias will be faithful to the rule of law and will exhibit integrity and fairness to all who appear before him.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Special Agent in Charge (Ret.)