

Senator Marco Rubio Statement for the Record
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Nominations Hearing
June 20, 2018

Roy Kalman Altman to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee:

Regretfully, due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend today's nominations hearing to introduce a highly qualified judicial nominee from my home state of Florida – Mr. Roy Kalman Altman. Mr. Altman has been nominated to serve as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. I commend and support his nomination and the committee's work toward Senate confirmation of Mr. Altman.

Mr. Altman was born in Caracas, Venezuela and moved to Miami before his second birthday, where he has resided ever since with the exception of the years he spent away in college and law school. After graduating from Columbia University and Yale Law School, Mr. Altman returned to Miami where he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stanley Marcus on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He then served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for six years. Since 2014, Mr. Altman has been a Partner at Podhurst Orseck P.A. in Miami.

As you may know, Senator Nelson and I utilize Florida's Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to recommend to us highly qualified candidates to serve as federal district court judges across all three Florida districts. In November 2017, Mr. Altman was recommended

to us by the JNC and upon further review of his record and qualifications, we jointly submitted his name to the administration for consideration for nomination. On April 26, 2018, President Trump announced his intent to nominate Mr. Altman to serve as U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

I thank the committee for its work on Mr. Altman's nomination and am confident the committee will find him to be highly qualified to serve in this very important capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of Mr. Altman's nomination and confirmation.