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## Re: Nomination of the Honorable Ed Artau as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin:

Since 1974, the Cuban American Bar Association has worked to promote diversity in the judiciary and within the legal community. The Cuban American Bar Association submits this letter in support of Judge Artau's nomination as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Judge Artau has the experience, intellect, and judicial temperament necessary for service on the federal bench. With experience spanning civil, criminal and administrative matters, Judge Artau has shown the ability to navigate legal issues with clarity and fairness. His background and dedication make him qualified to serve on the federal bench.

Hispanics already constitute the largest minority group in the nation and they are the fastest growing segment of our population. As a judge of Cuban descent, his appointment would reflect the rich diversity of the Southern District of Florida and advance the important goal of ensuring that the federal judiciary reflect the community that it serves. For these reasons, the Cuban American Bar Association supports Judge Artau's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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