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The Honorable Michael Lee
United States Senator
316 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

*Re: Nomination of Judge Robert N. Scola, Jr. for
United States District Court Judge, Southern District of Florida*

Dear Senator Lee:

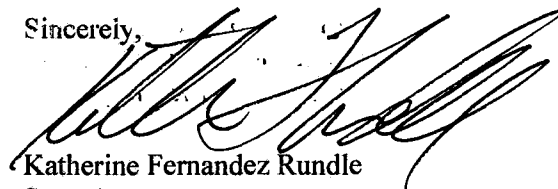
I am writing to strongly recommend Judge Robert N. Scola, Jr. for the position of United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Scola was recently nominated and is *awaiting a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

I have served as the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County for the past 18 years and have known Judge Scola for over thirty years. He and I worked together as young prosecutors in this office. Judge Scola quickly rose through the ranks to become a Major Crimes Prosecutor and the Chief of the entire felony division of the office. He successfully prosecuted dozens of homicide cases and tried over 25 homicide cases, including five death penalty cases.

After being appointed to the bench in 1995 Judge Scola has earned a well-deserved reputation as one of our finest trial judges. He has consistently been rated among the most qualified judges in judicial Bar polls and has received several awards for his judicial service, most notably the *Justice Award* from the League of Prosecutors. He is a fair-minded judge who has demonstrated an ability to follow the law. He has imposed the death penalty against two defendants who killed a police officer in the line of duty and his sentences were upheld by the Florida Supreme Court.

I believe Judge Scola will make an excellent federal judge and ask that you support his nomination and confirm him as quickly as possible. The citizens of Miami-Dade County would be well-served by his speedy confirmation.

Sincerely,



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