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RE: Support of the Confirmation of Yvonne Gonzalez-Rogers for the U.S.
District Court for Northern California

Dear Senator Leahy:

The California Women Lawyers strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers for the U.S. District Court for Northern California. Judge Gonzalez Rogers has a sterling reputation as an attorney and as a jurist in the State of California. Judge Gonzalez Rogers is known and respected for her superior intellect and her ability to quickly assess even the most complex of issues. She is thoughtful and analytical which has served her very well in the fair and efficient administration of justice.

Judge Gonzales Rogers has a very broad range of experiences which make her the perfect candidate for the Northern District Court. From her humble beginnings to her very impressive college and law school careers, Judge Gonzalez Rogers has succeeded at each goal she set in attaining her position as a prominent attorney in a major law firm. When Judge Gonzalez Rogers took time away from the full-time practice of law to devote her primary attention to her family, she volunteered in her community, including working on school bond issues, serving on the Alameda County Grand Jury and assisting bar organizations, including the Women Lawyers of Alameda County, with strategic planning and membership development. Her commitment to the community and particularly to the advancement of women in the legal profession has been demonstrated repeatedly and consistently.

Judge Gonzalez Rogers was appointed to the Alameda County Superior Court judiciary and hit the ground with all of her mite. Her superior intellect has aided her well as she quickly distinguished herself as a fair and impartial jurist. Judge Gonzalez Rogers became the "go to" judge and known as a hard worker whose work ethic is of the highest caliber. She is a true leader in the judicial realm and without question, these attributes will serve her well as a Federal Judge.

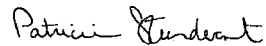
Judge Gonzalez Rogers is a true role model for women, and for women of color as we all strive to achieve equal access and treatment in our chosen profession. Judge Gonzalez Rogers has also demonstrated an understanding of the enormous responsibility and power of the judiciary and a sensitivity as to how her crucial decisions affect the safety, well-being and protection of our citizens.

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For more than 35 years, the California Women Lawyers has served as the voice for more than 3,000 women attorneys and judges in the State of California. It is with that voice that we express our support for the confirmation of Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers for the United States District Court of Northern California. We urge you and the Congressional leadership to confirm Judge Gonzalez Rogers as quickly as is practical.

We request that our Letter of Support be entered into the Confirmation Hearing Record. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely



Patricia Sturdevant
President
California Women Lawyers

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer