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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to respectfully convey to the Committee on the Judiciary my strong support for the President's nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernández to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, a nomination that will be considered by the Committee at a hearing scheduled for September 11, 2013. I hope that the Committee will take my views into consideration as it evaluates this nominee.

I am pleased that the President, after careful consideration, has chosen to nominate Mr. Delgado Hernández to fill the current vacancy on the District Court of Puerto Rico. I believe that Mr. Delgado Hernández is highly qualified to serve as a federal district court judge, based on his extensive professional experience and sterling educational record. Mr. Delgado Hernández graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, where he was as an editor of the law review. Following graduation, Mr. Delgado Hernández served as a law clerk at both the federal district court and federal appeals court levels, as an attorney in private practice, as Solicitor General of Puerto Rico, and as an appellate judge in the Puerto Rico court system. This experience, taken collectively, has prepared him well for the important, lifetime-tenured position for which he has been nominated. I would note that the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has endorsed Mr. Delgado Hernández's appointment without reservation in a letter to the Committee dated August 19, 2013.

As the Committee is aware, a vacancy on the District Court of Puerto Rico has existed for more than one year. Accordingly, it is important for the Court and my constituents that this nomination be acted upon by the Senate as expeditiously as the calendar allows. I hope that the Committee will vote to recommend that the full Senate confirm Mr. Delgado Hernández.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pedro R. Pierluisi
Member of Congress

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