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Senator Chuck Grassley  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
c/o U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dick Durbin  
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee  
c/o U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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RE: Judge Ed Artau Nomination to serve as U.S. District Judge for Southern District FL

Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin:

I am currently the President of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association (BCHBA) and am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Judge Ed Artau for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Artau is Cuban American, who has been nominated by the President to serve as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Artau has been a supporter of our organization and is familiar to our members from the different events he attends to educate and strengthen our legal community.

Judge Artau is eminently qualified to serve as a U.S. District Judge, with a law degree from Georgetown University, and a record of impressive accomplishments as a state judge, serving first as a trial judge for 6 years on the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in Palm Beach County, and then serving for the last 5 years as an appellate judge on the Fourth District Court of Appeal of Florida. Judge Artau currently also serves as the Dean of Florida's Advanced Judicial Studies College for our State of Florida Judges and is an Adjunct Professor at St. Thomas University College of Law.

Before Judge Artau became a judge, he had 26 years of significant trial and appellate experience as an attorney in both the private and public sectors, including public service as General Counsel to the South Florida Water Management District, which manages and protects our State's water resources in a 16-county region, balancing flood control, water quality, natural systems, and water supply. Lastly, Judge Artau is an involved member of our community and has its full support for his nomination to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge.

The community we serve highly recommends and urges the Senate to confirm the nomination of Judge Artau to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge, as he will not only faithfully apply the law, but he will also provide our community with the pride of an appointment from among our very own to serve on this important Court.

Thank you for considering this recommendation of Judge Artau to be confirmed to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge.

Sincerely yours,

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