

June 4, 2026

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin,  
Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate  
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Re: Angela Colmenero, Nominee to Serve as a Judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Dear U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

We, the signatories below, are all former Texas Assistant Attorneys General who write in support of Angela V. Colmenero in our personal capacities and urge you to confirm her to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Each of the undersigned has known Angela for more than a decade. All of us have worked with her as former colleagues at the Office of Texas Attorney General. Many of us have also worked with Angela during her current employment with the Office of the Governor, both in her capacity as Deputy General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff. Throughout her time in state government, Angela has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the rule of law and established herself as a pragmatic, thoughtful problem solver. She has also proven herself to be a trial court practitioner of the highest caliber.

Having served as Angela's supervisors, direct reports, colleagues, and trial teammates at the Office of Texas Attorney General, each of us will attest to her skill, professionalism, and discharge of her duties in the courtroom. Whether that means litigating constitutional questions in a 17-week trial over the financing of Texas public schools, protecting consumers and taxpayers from deceptive trade practices or healthcare fraud, or ensuring state government actors observe laws requiring transparency with the public whom they serve, Angela has done it all. As Chief of the General Litigation Division and Deputy Chief of the Special Litigation Division, she has led some of the most consequential cases for our State—always with the highest level of ethical standards.

Throughout her more than 20-year career in state government, Angela has also developed a hard-earned reputation as a trusted, decisive colleague and a counselor who can be relied upon to solve problems of great legal and relational complexity. In the Office of the Governor, Angela has worked tirelessly to assist efforts to recover from natural disasters, like the tragic floods in Kerr County and past hurricanes battering the Gulf Coast. She has

helped design programs to spur economic development in Texas. And she has led on child welfare issues, including efforts to help connect children and youth in foster care with adopted parents. No matter the issue, Angela has worked to devise efficient and thoughtful solutions to unprecedented problems that affect the lives of more than 30 million Texans.

Angela is a consummate public servant who always keeps the best interest of Texas and Americans at the center of her decision-making. We each, whole-heartedly and without reservation, commend the Senate to confirm her appointment.

Very Respectfully,

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