



## **The Honorable Brandon L. Simmons**

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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:

I served as the twenty-third Chairman of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University (TSU). TSU is one of America's largest HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). In my personal capacity, I continue to teach and mentor HBCU students as a professor. I am writing in support of Angela Colmenero's confirmation to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Angela and I met during my service as TSU Chairman. We have worked together in the context of her service to Governor Greg Abbott, specifically in the context of education policy. In all of our interactions, Angela showed genuine desire to support all of the students I serve. Since concluding my service as TSU Chairman, Angela and I have worked together more closely as I now serve in a statewide higher education leadership role. I have continued to find her advice and support invaluable and centered on placing students first. I appreciate that Angela has always spoken very clearly of her commitment to the rule of law, civil discourse, and the elimination of discrimination. I wish her well in this next opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

Brandon L. Simmons