

June 4, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the undersigned, respectfully write to urge the United States Senate to confirm President Trump's nominee, Angela Colmenero, to serve as a United States District Judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

As public servants and colleagues of Ms. Colmenero, we can personally attest to her integrity, exceptional legal acumen, and distinguished record. Throughout her legal career, she has served the State of Texas in numerous leadership roles, consistently demonstrating excellence, professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to the rule of law. Her dedication to serving the people of Texas has been evident in every position she has held.

Currently, Ms. Colmenero serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Greg Abbott where she helps lead an agency composed of more than thirty divisions and hundreds of employees. In that role and her past roles in the office, she has provided legal counsel to our agencies on the implementation of statutes and regulatory changes, managed thousands of appointments to state courts, agencies, and boards, and overseen the office's response to emergencies Texas has faced in recent years. We know the volume and the importance of the work Angela does every day in the Governor's Office, and we have appreciated her sharp legal judgment on the most important issues facing our State.

Because of her proven steady hand, Angela has been trusted to manage unprecedented crises beyond her ordinary responsibilities. During a period of disruption in state government, she was entrusted with the responsibility of serving as Provisional Attorney General of Texas. Returning to the office where she once served as Chief of the General Litigation Division leading significant litigation matters on behalf of the State, Angela managed more than 700 attorneys, oversaw all litigation

brought by and against the State, and issued legal opinions on a wide range of issues affecting individuals and businesses across Texas.

Everything she has done before today—providing sound legal advice when time is short and when tensions are high—has prepared her to serve our country as a judge. We are confident that her work ethic and fairness to everyone who steps into her courtroom will make her a judge that the President, the Senate, and the American people can be proud of.

For these reasons, we strongly recommend Ms. Colmenero for confirmation and respectfully urge the Senate to confirm her nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Sincerely,

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