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October 21, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, strongly supports the nomination of Victoria Espinel for the position of U.S. Intellectual Property (IP) Enforcement Coordinator, and urges the committee to report her nomination without delay.

Last year, Congress enacted the PRO-IP Act, bipartisan legislation to better protect the IP rights of inventors and creators while ensuring the products consumers use are authentic, safe and effective. The PRO-IP Act recognized that more effective IP enforcement requires additional resources, better laws, and high-level leadership to implement a strategic and well-coordinated approach across federal government agencies.

President Obama's choice of Victoria Espinel to serve as the nation's first IP Enforcement Coordinator marks an important step towards fulfilling the promise of the PRO-IP Act. The Chamber believes Ms. Espinel is a highly qualified nominee who will be a strong advocate for intellectual property rights.

Sincerely,

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R. Bruce Josten

Cc: The Members of the Committee on the Judiciary



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October 26, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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United States Senate
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Senator Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

I am writing to express the support of the Motion Picture Association of America, and my personal support, for the nomination of Victoria Espinel to be this nation's first U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Ms. Espinel is eminently qualified and will be an effective and much needed advocate on behalf of the millions of Americans whose livelihoods are dependent upon this nation's intellectual property industries.

As you know, the position of Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator was created as part of the bi-partisan PRO-IP Act, which with your leadership was signed into law last fall. The adoption of the PRO-IP Act, and the creation of this important position, recognizes the importance of intellectual property in this nation's economic future. In these difficult economic times, the intellectual property community is part of the solution to the challenges we face.

For example, the American motion picture and television industry is responsible for over 2.5 million American jobs; paying over \$41 billion in wages annually. In addition, our industry makes \$38 billion in additional payments to over 115,000 vendors, suppliers, small businesses and entrepreneurs all across the United States each year. Of those 115,000 businesses, over 80 percent employ 10 people or fewer. These figures, which only account for the contribution of the motion picture and television production industry, make it clear that protecting American creativity and innovation is vital to our nation's economic strength and vitality.

In nominating Victoria Espinel, the Obama Administration has made an excellent choice for this important office. When she was at USTR, I had the opportunity to work directly with her and from that experience I know she will do an exemplary job as Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Accordingly, we ask that the committee report her nomination without delay. We thank you for your continued commitment to protecting American creativity and we look forward to working with you and the Committee on this important nomination.

Sincerely,



International Trademark Association
Representing Trademark Owners Since 1878

Alan C. Drewsen
Executive Director

October 28, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

The International Trademark Association (INTA) is a not-for-profit membership association of more than 5,600 trademark owners and professional firms from more than 190 countries dedicated to the support and advancement of trademarks and related intellectual property as elements of fair and effective national and international commerce. INTA would like to strongly support the nomination of Victoria Espinel for the position of U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) and urge the committee to report her nomination favorably without delay.

A year ago, the U.S. Congress enacted the PRO-IP Act which was bipartisan legislation to bolster intellectual property protection and increase anticounterfeiting enforcement. One key component of this Act was the creation of the IPEC position to lead the coordination of U.S. agencies in the protection of consumers and brand owners affected by the significant increase in counterfeiting, including the surge in online sales of counterfeit goods. INTA believes that Victoria Espinel is an ideal candidate for this important position due to her experience at the United States Trade Representative's Office and through her work in the private sector.

Ms. Espinel is extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of intellectual property. Her experience in the federal government provides her with the understanding of the roles of the relevant government agencies, while her proven administrative skills will be crucial for coordinating government enforcement agencies to achieve a common goal. Ms. Espinel has had significant private practice experience as well working with major U.S. corporations, and thus will bring both a public and private sector perspective to this position.

We endorse President Obama's choice of Ms. Espinel for the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator position, and we look forward to working with her on the activities authorized in the PRO-IP ACT.

Sincerely,



November 2, 2009

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Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Victoria A. Espinel for
United States Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

The American Intellectual Property Law Association (“AIPLA”) is pleased to submit this letter supporting President Obama’s nomination of Victoria A. Espinel to be this nation’s first United States Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. AIPLA urges that the Judiciary Committee give this nomination expedited consideration in view of the many pressing international issues concerning intellectual property enforcement that are currently pending.

The American Intellectual Property Law Association is a national bar association of approximately 16,000 members engaged in private and corporate practice, in government service, and in academia. AIPLA represents a wide and diverse spectrum of individuals, companies, and institutions involved directly or indirectly in the practice of various fields of law affecting intellectual property. Our members represent both owners and users of intellectual property, and they have a keen interest in a strong and efficient intellectual property system.

Victoria Espinel has an impressive and substantive background in the area of intellectual property, which will serve her well in this new position. She was the first ever Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation, a position which gave her significant experience with various domestic and international governmental bodies as the chief trade negotiator on intellectual property issues. She also served as Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property and Associate General Counsel for that office. In addition, her experience includes law firm work representing private clients and advising several Congressional Committees on intellectual property issues. Clearly, this impressive skill set will serve her well in satisfying the demanding requirements of this Office.

In addition, we feel it is imperative that this Office's work begins as soon as possible. The Pro-IP Act, which created this position, was enacted over a year ago, and critical time has been lost in the challenge of taking a more comprehensive approach to IP enforcement issues.

We believe Ms. Espinel is well suited to serve as United States Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, and we urge you to give her nomination prompt consideration.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of these views.

Best regards,

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November 2, 2009

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The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA) supports the President's nomination of Victoria Espinel as the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Ms. Espinel will bring policy expertise and political savvy to this role, which requires working with agencies across the government to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

This is an important position that should be filled, and we respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Espinel quickly.

The music publishing and songwriting industry looks forward to working with Ms. Espinel in her new capacity and values the Administration's and the Committee's commitment to bringing to fruition the goals of the PRO-IP Act.

Sincerely,

David M. Israelite
President & CEO

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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November 3, 2009

Chairman Patrick Leahy
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The forty-plus unions, corporations, trade associations and artists' alliances of the Copyright Alliance welcome the Senate Judiciary Committee's November 4th nomination hearing for Victoria Espinel as the first Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC). We strongly urge the committee to endorse her nomination and the full Senate to move just as rapidly to vote to confirm. Given the state of the U.S. economy, there should be no further delay in her mission to better protect U.S. intellectual property, which makes significant contributions to our nation's economic recovery.

The Copyright Alliance strongly endorsed the choice of Ms. Espinel by President Barack Obama. With her wealth of experience advising Congress and the Administration on intellectual property matters, we felt she was a perfect choice for the important post created last year in the PRO-IP Act, which became law thanks to the leadership of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. We welcomed the Obama Administration taking this important step toward improving the coordination of the federal government's resources for intellectual property promotion and enforcement, as envisioned in the PRO-IP Act.

We urge the rapid confirmation of Ms. Espinel, and hope that after she begins her historic assignment, all government officials with a stake in intellectual property enforcement will cooperate fully with her in better protecting and promoting such a critical element of our nation's economic growth and job creation

Best regards,

Patrick Ross
Executive Director
Copyright Alliance



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November 4, 2009

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
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Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the members of the Business Software Alliance, I wish to express our strong support for the President's nomination of Ms. Victoria Espinel to be the first Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

Ms. Espinel has a distinguished track record both inside and outside government. In her various roles at USTR, culminating in her tenure as Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Ms. Espinel ably represented US interests in numerous negotiations with our trading partners. She has a profound understanding of IPR issues, both from an academic and a practical perspective. And she is well-equipped, by experience and temperament, to improve communication and coordination among the various federal agencies tasked with protecting intellectual property rights.

I urge the Committee to report her nomination favorably to the full Senate at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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The Business Software Alliance (www.bsa.org) is the foremost organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world. BSA is the voice of the world's commercial software industry and its hardware partners before governments and in the international marketplace. Its members represent one of the fastest growing industries in the world. BSA programs foster technology innovation through education and policy initiatives that promote copyright protection, cyber security, trade and e-commerce. BSA members include Adobe, Apple, Autodesk, AVG, Bentley Systems, CA, Cadence, Cisco Systems, Corel, CyberLink, Dassault Systèmes SolidWorks Corporation, Dell, Embarcadero, HP, IBM, Intel, Intuit, McAfee, Microsoft, Minitab, Quark, Quest Software, Rosetta Stone, SAP, Siemens, Sybase, Symantec, Synopsys, and The MathWorks.



November 4, 2009

Via Electronic Mail and First-Class Mail

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
United States Senate
335 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: HNBA Encourages the Confirmation of Victoria A. Espinal for the
Position of U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator**

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

On behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), I write to recommend the speedy confirmation of Ms. Victoria A. Espinal as U.S Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator in the Office of Management and Budget. The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization that presents the interests of the more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and paralegals in the United States.

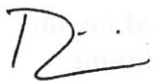
As required by its *Policies and Procedures Governing Executive Endorsements*, the HNBA has conducted appropriate due diligence. We have considered Ms. Espinal's background and qualifications in the context of the requirements for the position for which President Barack H. Obama has nominated her. Based on our review, she possesses both the experience and qualifications required to distinguish herself as the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

Ms. Espinal is uniquely qualified to serve as the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator due to her extensive legal experience in the area of intellectual property as a corporate litigator, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, and Professor of Law. After receiving her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and her Masters of Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, she joined the law firm of Covington & Burling. In her capacity as an associate, she managed intellectual property enforcement litigation in Europe, the Middle East, and

Africa. Thereafter, Ms. Espinal joined the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in several capacities, starting as Associate General Counsel, then Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property, and Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property and Innovation. In her multiple posts, she established the Intellectual Property and Innovation Office as its first head and served as the chief U.S. trade negotiator.

Since early 2008, she has been an Assistant Professor at the George Mason University School of Law. As a Professor of Law and researcher, she focuses on U.S. trademark law, international intellectual property law and international trade law. Ms. Espinal has become a leading expert in the field of intellectual property and we are confident that she would serve with distinction as the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. After reviewing her credentials as part of our due diligence process, we recommend her speedy confirmation. We stand ready to assist in your deliberations should there be any questions. Please feel free to contact me through our national office at [REDACTED] or directly at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Román D. Hernández
National President

cc: Ms. Victoria A. Espinal
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LIUNA!

November 6, 2009

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) strongly supports the nomination of Victoria Espinel for the position of U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (USIPEC), and urges the Committee to report her nomination without delay.

Last year, under your leadership and with strong union support, Congress enacted the PRO-IP Act: bipartisan legislation to better protect jobs and wages in a number of sectors under attack by the growing wave of counterfeiting and piracy. The PRO-IP Act recognized that more effective IP enforcement requires a well-coordinated approach across federal government agencies, and created the position of USIPEC to spearhead the development of a cross-government strategic plan to address this critical issue.

President Obama's choice of Victoria Espinel to serve as the nation's first USIPEC marks an important step toward fulfilling the promise of the PRO-IP Act. We ask this Committee to report her nomination promptly so she can begin the important work she has before her.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Terence M. O'Sullivan
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General President

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cc: The Members of the Committee on the Judiciary

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November 13, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

The American Federation of Musicians, representing more than 90,000 workers in the music industry, strongly supports the nomination of Victoria Espinel for the position of U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (USIPEC), and urges the Committee to report her nomination without delay.

Last year, under your leadership and with strong union support, Congress enacted the PRO-IP Act: bipartisan legislation to better protect jobs and wages in a host of sectors under attack by the growing wave of counterfeiting and piracy. The PRO-IP Act recognized that more effective IP enforcement requires a well-coordinated approach across federal government agencies, and created the position of USIPEC to spearhead the development of a cross-government strategic plan to address this critical issue.

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Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Lee
President
AFM

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cc: The Members of the Committee on the Judiciary

November 17, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

MANA, A National Latina Organization (MANA), with headquarters in Washington, DC, twenty-seven Chapters nationwide and seven affiliates across the nation proudly and whole heartedly expresses support for Ms. Victoria A. Espinel to be confirmed as the first ever Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator in the Office of Management and Budget. MANA is a nonprofit advocacy organization founded in 1974 whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy.

Ms. Espinel has had a very distinguished career, having held the position of Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). As the first person to hold this position, Ms. Espinel was the chief U.S. trade negotiator for intellectual property and innovation, leading negotiations at the World Trade Organization, in U.S. free trade agreements and in bilateral discussions worldwide on a wide variety of intellectual property and innovation issues.

Prior to becoming Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Ms. Espinel served as Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property and as Associate General Counsel at USTR. Before joining USTR, Ms. Espinel was with the law firms of Covington & Burling in London and Washington, D.C., and Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood in New York.

Ms. Espinel is the author of several published articles on international copyright issues. She holds an LLM from the London School of Economics, a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law School, and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She has also been a Visiting Assistant Professor at the George Mason School of Law where she has taught International Trade and a seminar in Multinational Intellectual Property & Policy.

Ms. Espinel is superbly qualified to serve and committed to addressing the intellectual property enforcement issues that affect the nation in a way that is relevant to the best interest of the nation. On behalf of MANA we respectfully request that you consider Ms. Espinel as the first ever Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator in the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,



Alma Morales Riojas
President and CEO