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Re: Judge Rodolfo Ruiz, Nominee for District Court Judge, Southern District of FL

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write to you as the Chief Judge and Administrative Judges of Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Miami-Dade County. It is with great pleasure that we recommend our colleague, Rodolfo "Rudy" Ruiz, for confirmation for the position of District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

We have all known Judge Ruiz since he began his career with the courts in 2012 as a county court judge. From the beginning of his judicial career Judge Ruiz had a reputation for intellect, preparation, and diligence. He was well liked and well respected by his peers and the lawyers who appeared before him. It was no surprise that he was elevated to the Circuit Court by Governor Scott in 2014.

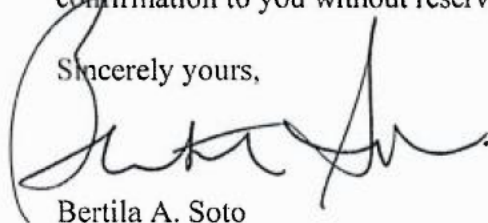
Judge Ruiz began his career as a Circuit Court judge in the Criminal Division. He was quickly one of the most respected judges in the largest division in our circuit, equally considerate and reflective of both prosecutorial and defense arguments. He is intelligent and patient. In addition to earning the respect and admiration of the prosecutors and defense attorneys that

litigated before him, Judge Ruiz was highly regarded by corrections officers, probation officers, court clerks, interpreters and law enforcement officers. He treated everyone with dignity and respect, always, and he ran his courtroom efficiently and effectively. In a community of diverse and unique character, Judge Ruiz presided over a courtroom where respect was always shown to all without bias—parties, witnesses, and jurors.

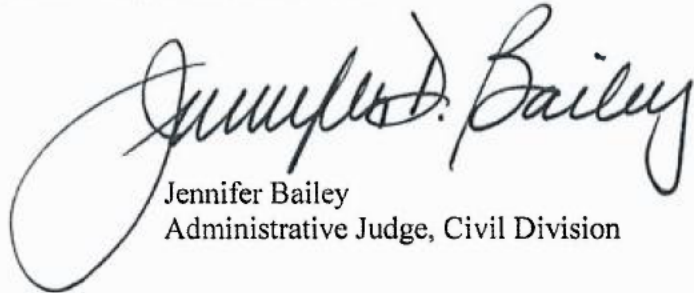
In 2017, Judge Ruiz transferred to the Civil Division. The Civil Division in Miami hears many of the most complex cases in the state, and the caseloads are high. Judge Ruiz again demonstrated his competence by quickly mastering civil case management skills, and continuing his pattern of preparation and hard work. It was no surprise to us that he quickly became one of the best judges in the division. Again, his work ethic, his intelligence, his humility and his demeanor, all combine to create an excellent judge.

Judge Ruiz is the embodiment of the ideal jurist and our only wish is that we had more judges like him. We will be sorry to lose him to our federal brethren. We recommend his confirmation to you without reservation. It is our great honor to do so.

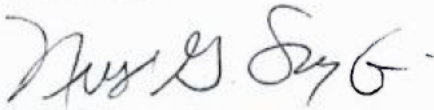
Sincerely yours,



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