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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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**Re: Nomination of Roy K. Altman as District Judge,
United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We write to you and to the Members of the Committee in support of the nomination of Roy K. Altman to be a District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. We served as Assistant United States Attorneys with Mr. Altman during his October 2008 through December 2014 tenure at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. As Mr. Altman's friends and former colleagues, we join to support his nomination because we strongly believe that he would make an outstanding District Judge.

During the six years that Mr. Altman served as an Assistant United States Attorney, he distinguished himself as a superb lawyer. Our interactions with Mr. Altman revealed his keen intellect, excellent writing skills, incredible work ethic, and appreciation of the law. Mr. Altman handled many challenging and complex matters as a federal prosecutor because of his legal acumen.

For example, Mr. Altman prosecuted *United States v. Flanders, et al.*, which involved defendants who engaged in a complex sex trafficking scheme for years and exploited more than 100 victims. Mr. Altman's hard work and ability to overcome many legal and practical challenges led to the successful federal prosecution of this matter. Those of us who worked with Mr. Altman on this criminal case observed firsthand how he developed an excellent rapport with the victims,

demonstrated sincere empathy, and yet objectively responded to the many complicated issues that surfaced.

Mr. Altman consistently demonstrated good judgment, honesty, and integrity. In prosecuting many cases, he encountered ethical dilemmas and always made sound decisions. His trustworthiness and fairness earned him an excellent reputation with his colleagues, defense attorneys, and federal judges.

In December of 2013, Mr. Altman was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Special Prosecutions Section, where he continued to demonstrate his professionalism and admirable people skills. Mr. Altman was always interested and willing to listen carefully to his colleagues and adversaries. His response to opposing views was always respectful. Furthermore, Mr. Altman was very effective in mediating when team members disagreed. He had great working relationships with his colleagues, opposing counsel, and all personnel, regardless of their title or position.

In his supervisory role, Mr. Altman exhibited a natural ability to lead teams and motivate others. Mr. Altman mentored many prosecutors, administrative staff members, and interns in the Special Prosecutions Section as well as newly hired prosecutors in the Major Crimes Section. We routinely observed Mr. Altman assist, counsel, and encourage his colleagues. Mr. Altman assisted others with the most sophisticated as well as the most mundane tasks. He continued to work diligently as a supervisor and led by example.

Despite his many accomplishments, Mr. Altman recognized the importance of continuous learning. He never presumed to know it all. If Mr. Altman did not know the answer to a question, he openly admitted it. However, we could rest assured that he would quickly learn the correct answer. He also routinely took on new challenges to enhance his skills. For example, as a supervisor, he worked very long hours to fulfill his management duties while he also volunteered to write briefs and handle oral arguments in appellate and post-conviction matters.

In our view, Mr. Altman is extremely qualified to serve as a District Judge. Apart from his many attributes, Mr. Altman has served as a law clerk, federal prosecutor, and an attorney in private practice. Through these positions, Mr. Altman has gained experience and perspectives that would serve him well as a District Judge.

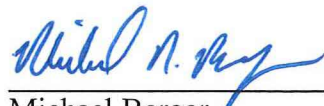
We would be remiss not to state that, from working closely with Mr. Altman and getting to know him, we believe he is truly extraordinary. His talents and accomplishments do not adequately describe him. Mr. Altman is a wonderful person who genuinely cares about others and always strives to do the right thing.

We highly recommend Mr. Altman for the position of District Judge. We believe he would serve fairly and justly. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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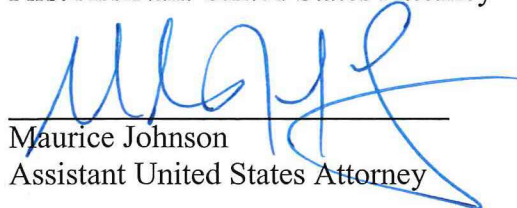
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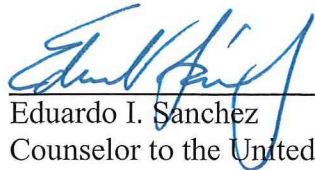
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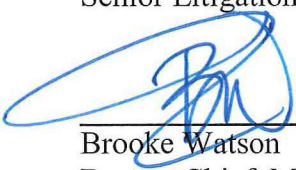
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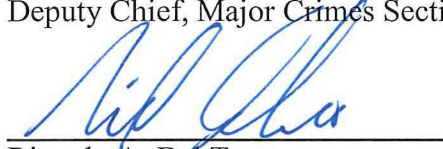
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