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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Honorable Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Lindsay Graham  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Stuart Delery  
White House Counsel  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

**RE: Endorsement of Jeffrey Bryan for Federal Judge**

Dear Senators Durbin and Graham and White House Counsel Delery:

We write on behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) to endorse the nomination of Judge Jeffrey Bryan to the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals in the United States and Puerto Rico. One of the HNBA's many institutional objectives is to advocate and work to ensure that the federal and state judiciary is diverse and reflects the citizens that come before the courts on a daily basis.

The HNBA has conducted due diligence on Judge Bryan. Our evaluation included an initial paper screening of resumes, social media, and writings/articles to establish necessary qualifications. Candidate and reference interviews along with interviews with peers and community leaders were conducted to assess relevant legal experience, scholarly work, temperament, reputation, and involvement in the Hispanic community. Judge Bryan has an impressive career, is actively involved in the local legal community, and has a good temperament for the bench.

Judge Bryan is currently serving as a judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. He is one of two Latinos to serve this appellate court, and the HNBA was proud to support his candidacy when Governor Tim Walz appointed him in 2019. In his capacity on the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Judge Bryan reviews decisions of district courts in a wide range of cases, including civil, criminal, family, and employment cases. Prior to

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being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge Bryan distinguished himself as a judge in Minnesota's Second Judicial District Court (2013 – 2016).

Judge Bryan had extensive experience as a practicing attorney. From July 2007 through August 2013, he was an Assistant United States District Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota. There, he prosecuted economic fraud crimes, drug trafficking conspiracies, and violations of the HOBBS, RICO and armed career criminal acts in federal court, including directing separate multi-year investigations of a methamphetamine trafficking organization and an international cocaine trafficking cartel (each spanning multiple states, OCDETF regions, and federal districts). Prior to his service as an AUSA, he was a litigator at the Robins Kaplan law firm in Minneapolis, with 85% of his work in civil matters and the remainder in criminal defense.

He also served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, U.S. District Court Judge, District of Minnesota.

Judge Bryan exhibits a strong commitment to serving his community. Throughout his career, Judge Bryan has worked outside the courtroom to improve equity and build confidence in our courts—especially among the members of marginalized communities who distrust the state and federal judicial systems. He is most proud of his work leading the Ramsey County juvenile detention alternatives initiative (JDAI) and his work involving native communities. As a co-chair of JDAI, he worked with government and community leaders to significantly increase funding for programming, create power sharing arrangements with community groups, implement restorative justice practices, decriminalize runaway and truancy matters, and transform diversion programs and charging decisions. As a result of these efforts, the average number of youth placed outside the home decreased by approximately 80%, and the reforms dramatically reduced racial disparities systemwide.

Judge Bryan has also served as a co-chair of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association Judicial Endorsements Committee, which successfully increased the appointment of Latino judges in Minnesota during his tenure. In this role, he institutionalized a new endorsement process and provided meaningful leadership in Minnesota to diversify Minnesota's State Commission on Judicial Selection. Through his efforts, Governor Walz has appointed the most diverse Commission in Minnesota history.

Judge Bryan is well respected and admired by his colleagues and other members of the Bar for his high intellect, notable competence, and good character.

We endorse Judge Jeffrey Bryan for your consideration and selection for the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

If you have any questions concerning this endorsement, please do not hesitate to contact us at the HNBA

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mariana Bravo  
HNBA National President

Robert Raben  
Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

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Co-Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee

cc:  
Daniel Mateo, HNBA National President-Elect