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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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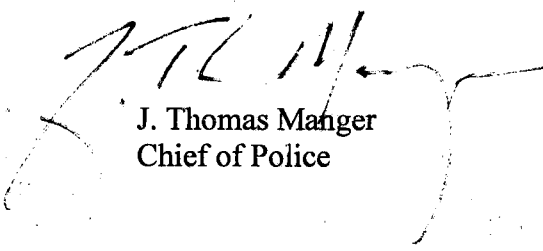
Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

I am writing to support the nomination of Leon Rodriguez to become the Director of U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Rodriguez has extensive leadership experience at both the federal and local levels on issues in which USCIS plays a primary role. As Chief of Staff and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Right Division, Mr. Rodriguez had a portfolio that included cases involving issues of national origin and immigration status. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez served as County Attorney for Montgomery County [Maryland], where his representation of County interests included the effect of immigration policies on local public safety and police departments. Having worked closely with him, I am confident that these experiences, as well as his roles as a federal and local prosecutor and the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, give Mr. Rodriguez a comprehensive understanding of how decisions made at USCIS will impact the cities and towns of this great nation.

American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and we in public safety again turn to you to move the nomination of Leon Rodriguez quickly through the confirmation process. Thanking you for your consideration, we look forward to continuing the partnership between USCIS, the Department of Homeland Security and the communities we are sworn to serve.

Sincerely,


J. Thomas Manger
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