



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Sarah Davenport to the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

Sarah Davenport has requested that I provide a character reference in support of her nomination to the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702(b), an employee of the United States Department of Justice may ethically use his official title in response to a request for a character reference based upon personal knowledge of the ability or character of an individual with whom he has dealt in the course of federal employment.

I write to enthusiastically support Ms. Davenport's confirmation to the federal bench. I worked closely with Ms. Davenport at the United States Attorney's Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico for six years (October 2012-September 2018). We have remained colleagues at the United States Department of Justice since Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed me to serve as an Immigration Judge in October 2018. I am well acquainted with Ms. Davenport's personal character and professional qualifications. I have no reservations in recommending Ms. Davenport's confirmation to the federal bench.

Ms. Davenport is the type of person whose judicial appointment should receive unanimous consent. Ms. Davenport is not a political hack. She does not have a personal agenda or a political ax to grind. She is a career prosecutor and an exemplary public servant. She is committed to the rule of law, and she is well respected for her personal integrity and legal acumen. Just as importantly, Ms. Davenport is a genuinely good person. Her demeanor is kind, and her temperament is even. She is a wonderful mother, and she cares deeply about our community. I support Ms. Davenport's judicial confirmation because I trust her to uphold the rule of law, to exercise judicial restraint, to appropriately administer justice, and to fairly adjudicate pending cases and controversies.

I have worked in the border region for most of my career. It is an extraordinary place with unique challenges. Ms. Davenport understands the border region and the legal issues that arise in this area. She has been tested and refined during her exceptional career as a federal

prosecutor in the border region, and she is both well qualified and fully prepared to serve as a federal judge.

It requires a special person to be worthy of a lifetime judicial appointment. It demands an even greater portion of grace to effectively serve as a federal judge on the border. Ms. Davenport is one of the very few individuals who I deem both worthy and gracious enough to be trusted with the office of United States District Judge in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I am glad that she was nominated for this office, and I sincerely hope that you will expeditiously vote to confirm her appointment to the federal bench.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Taylor', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

BROCK E. TAYLOR
United States Immigration Judge

cc: Senator Martin Heinrich
Todd Childs