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Subject: Nomination of Sarah Davenport to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing to offer my strong support for Sarah Davenport in her nomination to serve as a federal district court judge for the District of New Mexico. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Davenport for many years. I was fortunate to be a supervisor for a gang unit that served as task force officers for the local FBI Safe Streets Task Force. During that time, I witnessed her commitment to justice, professionalism, and fairness. She improved the task force by ensuring we understood constitutional requirements and developed strong cases for prosecution. Ms. Davenport accomplished this while also emphasizing the importance of protecting the constitutional rights of all parties involved in our cases.

Over the years since I worked with her on the task force, Ms. Davenport's professionalism and expertise have only grown. She is a highly respected attorney with a wealth of experience and has a reputation amongst all local, state, and federal law enforcement officers as a competent and fair attorney. Now, as the chief of police in Las Cruces, I have complete faith in Ms. Davenport's ability to make our community safer through fair and impartial prosecutions.

In addition to her legal expertise, Ms. Davenport embodies the qualities we expect of our federal judiciary. Her temperament is consistently professional, even in the



most challenging circumstances. She has demonstrated a deep respect for all individuals who come before the court, showing empathy, humility, and impartiality, which are critical qualities for any judge.

Furthermore, Ms. Davenport has an exceptional reputation for integrity and ethics. She has always maintained the highest standards of professionalism in her legal practice and personal conduct. I have no doubt that Ms. Davenport will bring these same values to the bench, ensuring that she is a fair and thoughtful judge.

Given her background, experience, and personal attributes, I firmly believe that Sarah Davenport will serve with distinction as a federal district court judge. She has the legal knowledge, the ethical grounding, and the judicial temperament necessary to excel in this critical role.

I urge you to give Sarah Davenport your full and favorable consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Story Chief of Police

