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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, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

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:

I write in support of Roy K. Altman's nomination for district judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Roy has the intelligence, experience, and maturity to be one of our finest federal district court judges.

Roy is brilliant. We clerked together on the circuit court of appeals (for different judges), and Roy stood out early on. He understood the cases, digested the law and facts, and was able to discuss the issues in a way that few others off the bench could. I'm sure Judge Marcus has already weighed in with the committee but I saw how important Roy was to the chambers and how much Roy meant to Judge Marcus during the clerkship. Roy's intelligence also shined when we worked together at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami. Like many of the young AUSAs, when I had a thorny legal problem that I needed help working out, I went to Roy because he always had the right answer and had the grace to make it seem like you solved the problem together.

Roy has the experience to sit as a federal district court judge. He has been practicing before the federal courts since he graduated law school. In his years as a federal prosecutor, Roy tried more cases than just about any other attorney in the Office. And he was assigned to some of the Office's most complicated cases, including a teacher raping a former student, a pimp running an international human trafficking ring, and a gang destroying a local neighborhood with drug trafficking and violence. In handling these cases, Roy's reputation was stellar – he was admired

by his colleagues, the federal agents who worked with him, opposing counsel, and the judges he appeared before. Roy has carried this over to private practice. He is handling difficult jurisdictional, forum, and discovery issues in one of the most high-profile airplane crash cases in the world, and doing so successfully against the best and brightest on the other side.

Roy has the maturity to run a courtroom and chambers. I've seen the way he treats victims suffering from abuse and defendants charged with the most horrific crimes – respectfully and with the seriousness that each case deserves. For this reason, and many others, Roy was chosen over more seasoned prosecutors to supervise the unit dealing with human trafficking and violent crime – one of the most difficult units at the U.S. Attorney's Office because of its emphasis on victims. Perhaps Roy's empathy comes from his family's experiences emigrating to the United States; or from watching his mentors, Judge Marcus and former U.S. Attorney Willy Ferrer; or from being a husband and father. Wherever it comes from, Roy believes that serving others is more important than serving himself, and he has done so for the last decade.

Roy, in sum, has what it takes to be a federal district court judge. If you have any questions about Roy, or if there's more information I can provide, please reach me at luckr@flcourts.org, or (305) 229-3200 ext. 3230.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Luck