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Re: Judicial Nomination of William "Bill" Martinez

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

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On behalf of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), I write to endorse William "Bill" Martinez's nomination as a federal district judge to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

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Mr. Martinez has had a distinguished career as an attorney in private practice and in public service. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving his clients and his community. He has done so while a lawyer with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, a private practitioner, an employment dispute arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, and a University of Denver College of Law professor who placed a premium on mentoring minority law students.

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Mr. Martinez has also shown a long-standing desire to serve in the public interest. He has served on numerous hearing boards within the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge and on the Committee on Conduct of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Prior to becoming a partner in McNamara, Roseman, Martinez & Kazmierski, LLP, he served as Regional Attorney of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Throughout his career, he has litigated numerous cases in both state and federal courts, has testified on employment matters before the Colorado and Illinois legislatures, and has published several articles on employment law.

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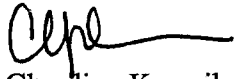
A native of Mexico, Mr. Martinez immigrated to the United States as a child. He became the first in his family to graduate from college and then law school. Mr. Martinez has utilized his education, experience, and talent to zealously advocate on behalf of his clients and to uplift the legal community in Colorado. He will bring to the federal bench the richness of his diverse professional background, a judicial temperament, and a deep respect for the rule of law.

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For these reasons, MALDEF proudly supports William "Bill" Martinez's nomination and urges the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to report his nomination to the full Senate without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Karasik", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claudine Karasik
Legislative Staff Attorney