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June 12, 2009

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

The undersigned current and five past Chairs of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources congratulate our colleague and friend, Ignacia S. Moreno, on being nominated for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Moreno's deep understanding of environment and resources law and impeccable credentials make her a stellar choice to lead the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Ms. Moreno's appointment is good for the environment, as her personal and professional integrity and command of the law equip Ms. Moreno well to lead this critically important Division of the Department of Justice.

We are thrilled for Ms. Moreno, and enthusiastically support her confirmation as Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely

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Re: Letter of Support for Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General,
Environment and Natural Resources Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing in my capacity as President for the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) to support Ms. Ignacia S. Moreno for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) in the U.S. Department of Justice. CIEL is a non-for-profit public interest law organization that seeks to use international law and institutions to protect the environment and human health, with offices in Washington, DC, and Geneva, Switzerland. I have known Ms. Moreno for almost two decades, starting when she was working for the ENRD at the Department of Justice when I was also in the United States government (Environmental Protection Agency and the White House), and continuing in her role as a member of the Board of Advisors of CIEL. I thus know her work and character well.

Ms. Moreno has a wide variety of pertinent experience to bring to this position. During her seven years in the ENRD at the U.S. Department of Justice, she worked on a myriad of domestic and international environmental issues. These issues involved all of the federal agencies with environmental responsibilities, and they required her to work with political and non-political staff at all levels. Throughout that work she demonstrated great knowledge, creativity, and tenacity, as well as the ability to listen to other points of view and to compromise in order to achieve practical results. Ms. Moreno

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions

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has the valuable combination of being both a team player and being able to lead and take initiative when that is appropriate.

Ms. Moreno's experiences in private practice and in the industry also qualify her for this position, because they provide additional insights into the application of environmental laws and to industry responses to them. In all of this work, just as in her government work, she performed with absolute professionalism and complete integrity.

Finally, her experience on the CIEL Board of Advisors demonstrates Ms. Moreno's ability to work with, and her understanding of the perspectives of, environmental non-governmental organizations. The ability to work with civil society is essential to the ENRD position, and Ms. Moreno is an expert at this.

In sum, Ms. Moreno is highly qualified for the position of Assistant Attorney General for ENRD, and she has CIEL's full support. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel B. Magraw

Daniel Barstow Magraw
President

Cc: Ignacia S. Moreno (via e-mail)

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June 15, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
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Sent by Fax: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Leahy:

I write to support the nomination of Ignacia Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United States Department of Justice. As a former office holder in that position, I know well the importance of the office to protection of the environment and the American public consistent with a sustainable economy, and the skills and commitment necessary for effectively carrying it out. Ignacia Moreno has the character, knowledge, and abilities necessary to the task. If confirmed, she will serve the Division, the Department of Justice, and the American public well as Assistant Attorney General.

I was Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division through most of the Clinton Administration (Acting AAG, 1993-1994; and AAG from 1994-2001); I also served in the Division from 1978-1984 as first a Section Chief and then a Special Litigation Counsel. Thus for a span of over twenty years I saw the Division's work and role, and know well the Division and its effective operation.

Ignacia Moreno served as Special Assistant, Counsel, then Principal Counsel, to me for seven years. Based on that direct experience with her work, I know that Ignacia brings to this important job many essential qualities, including: she is an excellent attorney with a sound record of intelligence and hard work; she has strength of character and strong commitment to environmental protection consistent with a sustainable economy; and she has worked with a wide range of people, including people throughout federal agencies, in U.S. Attorneys' offices, and in state offices. These qualities will serve the American public well.

In the Division, Ignacia worked on a wide range of cases and matters. In each of these she exhibited leadership, an approach of strong and effective enforcement of our nation's environmental protection laws, a tough but fair application of the law, and a meticulous regard for finding the law, finding the facts, and handling cases and programs based on the law and the facts. She is smart, and has sound legal judgment. She works well with people at all levels of the government, in private companies and non-profit groups, and can bridge divides.

Finally, and important to the position, Ignacia is a leader. She identifies and sets a course, and motivates and mobilizes people to reach the goal. She will be an excellent successor, and I commend her to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois J. Schiffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Lois J. Schiffer

Former Assistant Attorney General
Environment and Natural Resources Division
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Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development

June 16, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Senate Dirksen Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General,
Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice

Dear Senator Leahy:

As President of the Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development based in Washington, DC and Geneva, and Director of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, I am writing to highly recommend Ms. Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice. IGSD works to advance the understanding, development and implementation of effective, accountable and democratic systems of governance for sustainable development; INECE is the only global network of environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners dedicated to raising awareness of compliance and enforcement; developing networks for enforcement cooperation; and strengthening capacity to implement and enforce environmental requirements.

I have known Ignacia Moreno throughout her distinguished career and she would be a superb choice for this position. She has the talent and temperament to be a great Assistant Attorney General, providing thoughtful and inspired leadership for one of the most important environmental offices in the U.S. government.

The Assistant Attorney General position requires a leader who knows and values the environmental mission she is called upon to protect. It requires a leader who can be tough on environmental crime, and who can help maintain environmental law and order. It also requires a leader who appreciates the emerging environmental issues, including first and foremost, climate change. Most of all perhaps, it requires a leader who appreciates the tremendous talent that exists within the Environment Division, and throughout the client agencies, and who has the leadership skills and diplomatic skills to expand on past success, while charting a new course for the future.

Ignacia Moreno possesses all of these skills, as well as an impressive range of environmental law and policy experiences spanning almost 19 years. The positions she has held and the variety of issues she has been exposed to further strengthen her case for the position of Assistant Attorney General.

Environmental issues, climate change in particular, are now in the policy spotlight, and for good reason: how the U.S. handles the energy and climate crisis will largely determine our course on many national and international issues for years to come. The individual who takes this position must be someone with a strong record of upholding environmental values and who can be counted on to use their sound judgment to make the right decisions in the months and years ahead. I am fully confident that Ignacia S. Moreno has the expertise, the leadership, and the integrity to succeed as Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources and I give her my highest recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions: (202) 498-2457 or dzaelke@igsd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Durwood Zaelke', with a stylized, cursive script.

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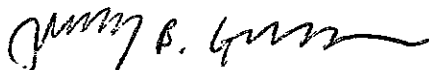
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Re: Ignacia Moreno

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am pleased to support Ignacia Moreno's nomination as Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice. As a fellow environmental lawyer, I have known Ms. Moreno for almost 15 years. I have always had the utmost respect for Ms. Moreno's intelligence, personal integrity, and commitment to our nation's environmental laws. Ms. Moreno has broad experience addressing environmental issues in a number of capacities, as a high-level deputy within the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, as a lawyer in private practice, and also as an in-house lawyer. This broad experience will enable her to enforce the nation's environmental laws firmly and fairly, with a deep understanding of the underlying technical, societal, and human issues that frequently are at stake in environmental matters. Above all, Ms. Moreno has the wisdom and judgment to make good decisions after searching inquiry. She would be an excellent steward of our environment and of the rule of law. I recommend her without hesitation.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey B. Gracer

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Re: Ignacia S. Moreno

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am pleased to add my unqualified endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. As a senior litigation partner at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, I worked closely with Ignacia for several years on a number of matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. Ignacia was assigned to my team of approximately six lawyers, which gave me the opportunity to work with her on a daily basis. She was one of the brightest, most devoted, conscientious, and personable attorneys I have ever worked with.

I was also quite impressed by Ignacia's personal background and believe it underlies her aforementioned good qualities. She apparently came from a strong family, albeit of very modest circumstances, both of which, I believe, contributed to her sensitivity to all segments of society and her strong sense of public service. Ignacia demonstrated these qualities in her work on a court-appointed employment discrimination case in which we achieved a significant victory on behalf of the African-American plaintiff we represented.

For these and similar reasons, I strongly support Ignacia's nomination for Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. I am sure she would be a credit to the Congress and the Administration if approved for that important position.

Sincerely yours,



Robert B. Cave



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July 1, 2009

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: *HNBA Endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General,
Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice*

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

On behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA"), we urge the immediate confirmation of Ignacia S. Moreno as the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice ("Division"). Ms. Moreno possesses the character, intellectual ability, leadership and managerial skills, and substantive expertise to lead the Division with great distinction.

The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students and paralegals in the United States and Puerto Rico. As required by its *Policies and Procedures Governing Executive Endorsements* (2008), the HNBA has conducted appropriate due diligence and carefully reviewed Ms. Moreno's background and qualifications in the context of the requirements of the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Division. In Ms. Moreno's case, we have had the additional benefit of seeing her work first-hand in her role as the HNBA's General Counsel and member of the Executive Committee. It is the HNBA's considered opinion that Ms. Moreno is extremely well-qualified and well-suited to serve as Assistant Attorney General.

During the past eighteen years, Ms. Moreno has become a leading practitioner in the field of environmental and natural resources law. Most notably, she served with distinction in the Division during the Clinton Administration from 1994 to 2001. During her tenure there, she participated in the management of the Division, led significant domestic and international

environmental enforcement initiatives, expanded and managed the Division's international program, handled litigation, and provided advice and counsel to the Assistant Attorney General on a wide variety of matters. Her prior experience with the Division will allow her to be an informed and integral part of the Department of Justice from day one.

Ms. Moreno's private sector experience is also noteworthy. She practiced at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington, DC as an associate from 1990 to 1994, where she distinguished herself in the firm's environmental, litigation and community service practice groups. From 2001 to 2006, she was Of Counsel and then a Partner with the law firm of Spriggs & Hollingsworth where she specialized in environmental and mass tort litigation with an emphasis on science-based defenses. In 2006, she was recruited by the General Electric Company where she currently serves as Counsel, Northeast/Midwest Regions and International and manages a large caseload of environmental remediation and litigation matters.

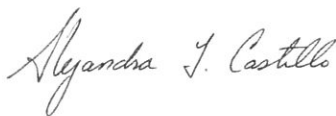
Ms. Moreno has been deeply dedicated to community service for many years. She currently serves *pro bono* as General Counsel to the HNBA, where she is well-regarded for her legal expertise, sound judgment and integrity. She is a past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) and has held leadership positions with the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the Center for International Environmental Law. She also has done significant *pro bono* work in the areas of environmental protection, education and mentoring. Because we have interacted with Ms. Moreno extensively both during her years as a leader of the HBA-DC and during her service to the HNBA, we know from first-hand experience that she brings to her *pro bono* endeavors an extraordinary commitment to excellence, integrity, dedication and professionalism.

Ms. Moreno's professional qualifications, integrity, leadership skills and dedication to public service render her extraordinarily well-qualified to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Division. We stand ready to assist in your deliberations should there be any questions. Please feel free to contact Ms. Romero at (302) 992-4213 or Ms. Castillo at (202) 271-7011.

Sincerely,



Ramona E. Romero
National President



Alejandra Castillo
Co-Chair, Executive Endorsements Committee

cc: Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr., United States Attorney General
Mr. Gregory Craig, White House Counsel
Ms. Cassandra Butts, Deputy White House Counsel
Ignacia S. Moreno, Esq.
Mr. Román D. Hernández, HNBA President-Elect
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July 16, 2009

Via E-Mail and First Class Mail

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Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Minority Member
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Re: Nomination of Ignacia S. Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the
Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Sessions:

The undersigned, former Assistant Attorneys General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United States Department of Justice, are writing in support of the nomination of Ignacia S. Moreno for the position of assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Through our combined years of experience in leading and directing the Environment and Natural Resources Division, we fully understand the importance of the office to the protection of the environment and the public health and welfare of United States citizens.

Ms. Moreno served with distinction for seven years in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, has experience in private practice representing parties before the United States Department of Justice and various federal and state environmental agencies, has led the environmental compliance efforts of a major U.S. corporation, and has been a leader in the Hispanic Bar Association and the American Bar Association. We believe Ms. Moreno has the character, knowledge and abilities necessary to effectively lead the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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For this reason, we support her nomination and believe that, if confirmed, she will capably serve the Division, the Department of Justice, and the public as Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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By Fax and Electronic Mail

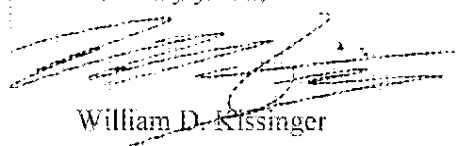
The Honorable Senator Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member, United States Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Senate Dirksen Building
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Dear Senator Sessions:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ms. Ignacia Moreno who has been nominated by President Obama to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division.

I had the pleasure of serving with Ms. Moreno during the Clinton administration. At the time, I was Senior Advisor for International Economic Policy at the National Economic Council at the White House. Ms. Moreno was serving as Counsel to Lois Schiffer, who then held the position for which Ms. Moreno has been nominated. Based on my interactions with Ms. Moreno, I cannot think of a better choice than Ms. Moreno to fill this position. She is diligent, intelligent, serious-minded and will be a great addition to an already strong team at the Justice Department. You or your staff should feel free to contact me with any questions about her qualifications. I would be extremely pleased if she were confirmed.

Sincerely yours,



William D. Kissinger

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
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Re: Letter of Support for Ignacia Moreno

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I write in support of your committee's confirmation of Ignacia Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. I speak on behalf of Oceana and on the basis of my personal experience working with Ms. Moreno.

Oceana is an international marine conservation organization that advocates for policies to protect and improve ocean life in this country and throughout the world. The Environment and Natural Resources Division is at the center of many issues crucial for marine conservation, including federal environmental enforcement (both civil and criminal), defense of government positions and rulemakings, legislation, and international negotiations. Thus, Oceana is keenly interested in the selection of someone like Ms. Moreno who can provide clear, far-sighted leadership for the Division.

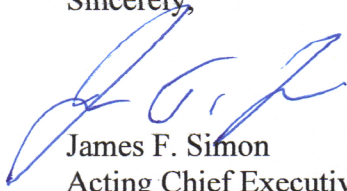
I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Moreno from 1994 until January 2001, when I was fortunate to serve as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Division. My portfolio during this time included policy and legislation, criminal enforcement of environmental laws, and appellate advocacy. In that capacity, I had the opportunity to work with her on many issues related to international environmental enforcement; legal and policy issues in negotiation of international treaties; and the international implications of domestic regulations and policy initiatives. In addition, Ms. Moreno was a close advisor to Lois Schiffer, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Division, and so she participated in senior management discussions about the overall direction of the Division.

Some of the issues that we worked on were complex and contentious. These included enforcement to address cross-border environmental impacts in the U.S., application of the National Environmental Policy Act in an international context, and negotiation of trade agreement provisions to protect the environment and natural resources. In all of these issues, Ms. Moreno was able to dissect the key legal issues with clarity. She was even-handed in giving due consideration to all affected parties. She demonstrated that she was dedicated to taking a

position well justified by a fair and balanced application of the law to the facts. Moreover, she was always committed to strict adherence to ethical rules and guidelines.

Based on this personal experience, I am confident that Ms. Moreno will, if confirmed by the Senate, serve ably and with high distinction as Assistant Attorney General. On behalf of myself and of Oceana, I urge your committee to approve her confirmation. I would be pleased to provide any additional information that may be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Simon", is written over the typed name.

James F. Simon
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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July 21, 2009

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Re: **Ignacia S. Moreno**

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing to support the nomination of Ignacia S. Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United States Department of Justice.

I first met Ms. Moreno in 1994 when I was Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the Environmental Protection Agency, a position I served in for eight years. Ms. Moreno was the Special Assistant and then Principle Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, my primary contact at the Department of Justice. During this time I attended numerous meetings at which Ms Moreno participated. Members of my staff worked closely with her on specific projects. I was always impressed by her intelligence, careful preparation, judgment, integrity and good humor. She knew how to stay focused and keep her eye on the problem that we were trying to solve. She also knew how to listen and work constructively with others, regardless of whether or not they agreed with her on a particular matter. She showed that she could be a leader and a good team player at the same time.

Ms. Moreno's varied experience at the Department of Justice and, subsequently, in the private sector, gives her a unique and valuable perspective on the very complex legal, natural resources, and environmental issues that will come before her. I have no doubt that Ms. Moreno is well qualified for the position of Assistant Attorney General and will do an excellent job if she is confirmed by the Senate.

Sincerely yours,



Steven A. Herman

July 22, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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Re: Confirmation of Ignacia S. Moreno as Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

If the Committee seeks intellect, experience, passion and judgment in the Assistant Attorney General, it makes a superb choice in Ignacia Moreno. I am a Judge on the Environmental Appeals Board, Environmental Protection Agency, and speak only in my personal capacity. I do not represent official Agency views.

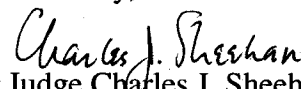
I well know the demands on the Assistant Attorney General and Ms. Moreno's fitness to carry them. During much of her Clinton Administration tenure in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, I was a career attorney and worked closely with Ms. Moreno on initiatives and projects. I early saw in her striking aptitudes. Her energy was boundless, her legal mind restless and probing. She absorbed and fused vast amounts of information, nimbly explored legal options, ever welcomed wide and fresh perspectives. Even then, hers was a considerable legal talent.

To these abilities, however, was added another which emerged with her rising prominence in Division and Department affairs -- leadership. One high-visibility showcase was the Division "colonias" initiative. Launched on the heels of President Clinton's environmental justice executive order, and spurred by growing NAFTA-era awareness of severe environmental stress and poverty in southwestern border communities, the Assistant Attorney General designated Ms. Moreno to spearhead Division efforts to seek ways to bring relief to colonias. Ms. Moreno could merely have treated this as a matter of legal research. She did not. Instead, she ventured far beyond Division doors and into entirely new arenas.

First, from within the Department, she recruited and led a team of Environment and Civil Division attorneys and coordinated with U.S. Attorneys (New Mexico, S.D. California and S.D. Texas). Then she engaged high-level officials at other agencies (EPA and ATSDR) and built alliances with State Attorneys General (Texas and New Mexico) and numerous city, county and nonprofit leaders throughout the border. After marshaling this legal and technical force and navigating political and institutional shoals, she steered the team in obtaining appropriate relief in Safe Drinking Water Act cases.

There is no quality of talent or experience required for the Assistant Attorney General position lacking in Ms. Moreno. Her private sector endeavors only enrich her qualifications. I strongly recommend her as Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely,


Judge Charles J. Sheehan

STEVEN P. SOLOW

July 27, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ignacia Moreno, the Administration's nominee for Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division ("Division").

I had the pleasure and privilege to serve in the Division from 1994 to 2000, as an Assistant Section Chief, then Chief, of the Environmental Crimes Section. During this period, I had regular contact with members of the Division's senior management, including with Ms. Moreno. Based on these experiences, I believe Ms. Moreno is a dedicated environmental lawyer with sound legal judgment and high ethical standards. If confirmed, she will make an effective leader for the Division and will be a strong advocate for environmental protection. I urge you to support her confirmation.

Ms. Moreno was a trusted member of the Division's management team. She had a particularly close working relationship with AAG Lois Schiffer and her deputies, as well as with section leaders like myself. Although much of her work was at the highest level of policy and strategic concerns, Ms. Moreno delved into the day-to-day mechanics of the Division's cases, and she had firsthand experiences with most of the litigating sections within the Division. Ms. Moreno served as a key Division liaison to the United States Attorneys, the White House Council for Environmental Quality ("CEQ"), and the National Security Council, as well as with those agencies with whom the Division works more routinely, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Ms. Moreno collaborated on international environmental matters with officials from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Trade Representative ("USTR"), the U.S. International Trade Administration, and the U.S. Department of Treasury. In all of these and other capacities, Ms.

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Moreno helped the Division operate more effectively within the broader framework of the Executive branch.

Ms. Moreno also provided counsel regarding the development of U.S. policy on trade and environment, where she focused on the need to raise environmental standards and protections in other countries. For example, I know that she worked closely with the CEQ and the USTR to develop an executive order on environmental reviews of trade agreements.

Ms. Moreno has been an outspoken advocate for improving environmental protection throughout the Western Hemisphere and around the world. She represented the U.S. Department of Justice at a number of high-level international meetings, including the World Trade Organization, the Summit of the Americas, the Commission of Environmental Cooperation, U.S.-Mexico bi-national summits, and other border enforcement cooperative initiatives. She advocated for free trade agreements that supported strong governmental and citizen processes to protect the environment, and she displayed particular concern for the effects of environmental pollution on poor and underserved communities. In this regard, Ms. Moreno spearheaded the Division's efforts to address pollution in substandard Colonias communities along the U.S.-Mexican border.

In all of my interactions with her, Ms. Moreno has exhibited a personal and profound commitment to environmental protection and to equality and integrity in the administration of national environmental protection initiatives. Her commitment to the environment remains sincere and strong, and those in search of environmental protection and justice will find in Ms. Moreno an ardent and committed advocate.

Finally, I believe that if she is confirmed, Ms. Moreno will seek to meet the most important standard for a U.S. Department of Justice attorney, that is, to be a lawyer whose interest is in serving the public, and whose highest obligation is to the just administration of the law.

I would be happy to provide additional information if you so request.

Sincerely,



Steven P. Solow

July 28, 2009
VIA FAX and First Class Mail

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General, Environment and
Natural Resources Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of the National Conservation System Foundation and as Founding President and Trustee Emeritus of the Grand Canyon Trust to recommend the appointment of Ms. Ignacia S. Moreno to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice.

The National Conservation System Foundation's mission is to protect, restore, and expand the Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System through education, advocacy, and partnerships.

The Grand Canyon Trust is a regional non-profit conservation organization, working to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau. The Trust advocates collaborative, common sense solutions to the significant problems affecting the Colorado Plateau's natural resources. Our work is focused in the greater Grand Canyon region of northern Arizona, and in the forests and red rock country of central and southern Utah.

I am also writing this endorsement of Ms. Moreno from my perspective as a former Assistant United States Attorney with extensive experience in working with the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

I have known Ignacia Moreno for almost 20 years. I first worked closely with her when her law firm, Hogan & Hartson, represented the Grand Canyon Trust in negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Reclamation, the State of Arizona, and the five public and private owners of the Navajo Generating Station in Page, Arizona. Those negotiations resulted in an agreement, signed at the Grand Canyon by President George H.W. Bush and all the parties, requiring the owners of the Navajo Generating Station to reduce air pollution in the Grand Canyon region by installing scrubbers to reduce SO2 emissions by 90%.

Endorsement of Ms. Ignacia S. Moreno

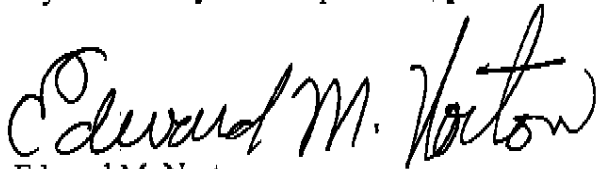
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Ms. Moreno played a central role in these negotiations, and she made a significant contribution to the successful outcome. She is a superb lawyer, always completely prepared with full command of the law and the facts. Even more important, she demonstrated an ability to work effectively with all of the parties to these complex negotiations. She was a strategic thinker, she anticipated problems, she had the peripheral vision to help find solutions, and she was tough, tenacious, and gracious. All of us involved in the negotiations developed great confidence in her.

I know from discussions with Ms. Moreno and from following her subsequent career in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice that she is deeply committed to public service. From my own experience as a lawyer in private practice, an Assistant United States Attorney, and a representative of environmental organizations, I know the importance of the position of Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division and how vital it is that the United States and our environment and natural resources have an advocate with depth and breadth of knowledge, skills, and the capacity to manage complex issues and lead the Division. I have every confidence that Ms. Moreno will serve with great distinction, and I recommend her with high enthusiasm.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.



Edward M. Norton,

Chairman, National Conservation System Foundation Founding President
Trustee Emeritus, Grand Canyon Trust

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WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE

FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND URBAN AFFAIRS

August 7, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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Dear Senator Leahy:

I would like to submit this letter of endorsement in support of the nomination of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. My knowledge of Ms. Moreno comes primarily from her excellent work on the Board of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, an organization for which I serve as Executive Director. Ignacia joined the Lawyers' Committee Board in May 2003 while working as an attorney at the firm of Spriggs & Hollingsworth, and remained active in this position until assuming her new post at the General Electric Company in February 2008.

Throughout her Board service with the Committee, Ignacia distinguished herself as a particularly active and thoughtful participant in the Committee's work. Among other things, she was a leader in our organization's efforts to establish partnerships linking area law firm and corporate legal offices with DC public schools and as part of this work she helped to build an especially effective partnership between her firm and a local elementary school. Her advice on the recruitment of new law firms to participate in this program and in the Committee's outreach to new law firms for engagement on pro bono work was particularly notable and much appreciated.

From my conversations with many of Ignacia's former colleagues at Hogan & Hartson and Spriggs & Hollingsworth and with lawyers with whom she served during her prior government service, I am aware of her fine reputation as a practicing attorney. It is clear that she enjoys a truly excellent reputation in the Washington legal community. In light of her well-earned reputation for hard work, excellent judgment and an exceptional ability to work with other lawyers, I am fully confident that Ignacia will make an outstanding contribution in her new position. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recommend her without qualification.

Sincerely yours,

Roderic V.O. Boggs
Executive Director

August 7, 2009

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Ignacia S. Moreno

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I write in my capacity as former President of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), a position I held from 1980 until 2003. Since 1969, the Institute has played a pivotal role in shaping environmental law, policy, and management worldwide. Today, ELI serves people on the front lines of environmental decision making and dispute resolution by providing the best thinking on legal and policy solutions and experienced advice on implementation. Prior to my position at ELI I served as an officer and director of the Sierra Club, and served as President of the Club in 1977 and 1978.

It has come to my attention that Ms. Ignacia Moreno, current Counsel for the Northeast/Midwest Regions and International for the General Electric Company, has been nominated for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Ms. Moreno's experience and background make her an ideal candidate to serve in this role. I strongly endorse her confirmation.

During my tenure as President, ELI played a major role educating judges and enforcement officials in Latin America and throughout the world. Our judicial education program specifically has trained judges in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, and Peru, and this work continues under my successor, Leslie Carothers.

I have been well-acquainted with Ms. Moreno and her work, and recall specifically an in-depth meeting we held at the Institute shortly after she became a Partner at Spriggs & Hollingsworth in 2002 during which we discussed a wide range of concerns about environmental enforcement in Latin America.

Ms. Moreno's depth of knowledge and experience in enforcement are indeed impressive, and it is no wonder, because it was she who helped develop and negotiate cooperative enforcement initiatives under agreements in North and Latin America during her time as Principal Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the Clinton Administration. Ms. Moreno did government-to-government consultations involving

multiple U.S. Government agencies with the Ministry of the Environment in Bogota, Colombia.

I am also acquainted with the strong and high visibility role she has played in the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE). Ms. Moreno co-chaired panels for INECE meetings in Mexico City and Chaing Mai, Thailand on a host of environmental enforcement issues, such as on environmental crimes, and also on important cooperative efforts such as on climate change/Montreal Protocol enforcement. I am also an active participant in INECE, which is the only global network of environmental compliance and enforcement practitioners, and is dedicated to raising awareness of compliance and enforcement; developing networks for enforcement cooperation; and strengthening capacity to implement and enforce environmental requirements.

Today's environmental challenges are greater than ever. Over the past 40 years world population has almost doubled to 6.7 billion. Resource consumption has skyrocketed both in the industrialized world and in the developing world. We now recognize that human activity is causing climate change that impacts natural systems and people worldwide. We are on the verge of taking the next big steps needed both domestically and globally to combat climate change.

Given the increasing complexity and global interconnection of our environmental challenges, it is vital that U.S. environmental enforcement leaders have not only depth, breadth and knowledge of the law, but facility in engaging their colleagues and counterparts in international fora and in nations around the world, and Ms. Moreno has a strong and proven track record.

She has outstanding credentials, and has earned the high regard of her colleagues in the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources and elsewhere. I strongly support her confirmation for this important position.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

J. William Futrell

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August 18, 2009

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Re: *Endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General,
Environment and Natural Resources Division*

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

On behalf of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), I write to express our strong support for the confirmation of Ignacia S. Moreno as the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice (Division). NHLA is a non-partisan non-profit coalition composed of 29 of the leading national and regional Hispanic civil rights and public policy organizations, elected officials and other prominent Hispanic Americans. NHLA coalition members represent the diversity of the Latino community – Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Dominicans and other Hispanic Americans.

The depth and breadth of Ms. Moreno's experience, acquired during more than eighteen years as an environmental lawyer in government and in private and corporate practice, render her extraordinarily well-qualified to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Division. She is a leading practitioner in the field of environmental and natural resources law. Significantly, she served with distinction as Special Assistant (1994-1995) and then Principal Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Division during the Clinton Administration (1996-2001). In those roles, she participated in the management of the Division, led significant domestic and international environmental enforcement initiatives, expanded and managed the Division's international program, handled litigation, and provided advice and counsel to the Assistant Attorney General on a wide variety of matters. Her prior experience with the Division will allow her to be an informed and integral part of the Department of Justice from the outset of her tenure.

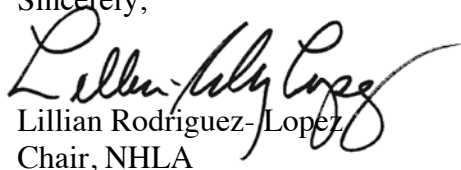
Ms. Moreno's private sector experience is also noteworthy. She practiced at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington, DC as an associate from 1990 to 1994, where she distinguished herself in the firm's environmental, litigation and community service practice groups. From 2001 to 2006, she was Of Counsel and then a Partner with the law firm of Spriggs &

Hollingsworth where she specialized in environmental and tort litigation with an emphasis on science-based approaches. In 2006, she was recruited by the General Electric Company, where she currently serves as Counsel, Northeast/Midwest Regions and International and manages environmental remediation and litigation matters.

Ms. Moreno has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service. Currently, she serves *pro bono* as General Counsel to the Hispanic National Bar Association (a member of the NHLA). At the HNBA, she is well-regarded for her legal expertise, sound judgment and integrity. She is a past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, and has held leadership positions with the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the Center for International Environmental Law. She also has done significant *pro bono* work in the areas of environmental protection, education and mentoring.

Ms. Moreno has earned the support of a broad range of stakeholders in the environmental and Hispanic communities, as well as the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, and former environmental enforcement officials. Ms. Moreno's professional qualifications, expertise, integrity, intelligence, commitment to the environment, and dedication to public service make her an outstanding candidate for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. We urge her immediate confirmation.

Sincerely,



Lillian Rodriguez-Lopez
Chair, NHLA

On behalf of the following:

Cuban American National Council
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic National Bar Association
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
League of United Latin American Citizens
MANA, A National Latina Organization
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives
National Association of Hispanic Publications
National Conference of Puerto Rican Woman
National Council of La Raza
National Hispana Leadership Institute
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
National Hispanic Environmental Council
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Puerto Rican Coalition
Self-Reliance Foundation
SER-Jobs for Progress
Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project



National Native American Bar Association

August 24, 2009

Senator Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Ignacia Moreno - Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

We are writing to express the National Native American Bar Association's support for the confirmation of Ignacia Moreno as Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Ms. Moreno is an outstanding attorney, and we are delighted with her nomination.

The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) serves as the national association for Native American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students, and attorneys who practice Indian law. NNABA strives to be a leader on social, cultural, political and legal issues affecting Native Americans (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.)

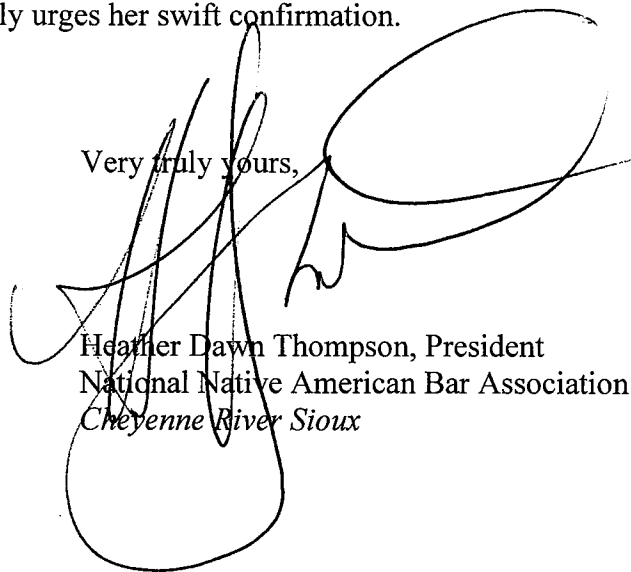
A number of Native related issues fall under the jurisdiction on DOJ-ENRD. In fact, there is an entire division in ENRD dedicated to Indian issues; many of the cases affect our most sacred places. As such, the AAG of the ENRD, and their appointees, are very important positions to Native community.

NNABA appreciates that Ms. Moreno already has some experience at ENRD working on Indian issues. We also appreciate the outreach Ms. Moreno has made to NNABA and the Native community. We believe Ms. Moreno will take time to reach out to and consult with Tribes and Native communities as issues of importance arise within ENRD.

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
August 24, 2009

As such, the National Native American Bar Association strongly supports the nomination of Ignacia Moreno to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and respectfully urges her swift confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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Heather Dawn Thompson, President
National Native American Bar Association
Cheyenne River Sioux

September 4, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

On behalf of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, I write in strong support for the confirmation of Ignacia Moreno to be the next Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice.

While NCLR has not historically worked on environmental policy issues, we do know that Latinos are often disproportionately affected by pollution. For example, recent studies by University of Southern California Professor Manuel Pastor show that Latinos and Blacks nationwide are more likely to live in areas with higher exposure to air pollution from industrial and automobile sources. In addition, there are well-known examples of water pollution in the border communities of Texas where many Latinos reside. Accordingly, the Latino community has a large stake in how our national environmental laws are enforced.

NCLR supports the nomination of Ms. Moreno for many reasons. First, she is eminently qualified for the role as demonstrated by the strength of her track record as a leading environmental and natural resources lawyer. Ms. Moreno began her career almost 20 years ago as an attorney at Hogan & Hartson, specializing in environmental litigation with a focus on regulatory compliance matters on many key environmental laws. She was then appointed by President Clinton to the position of Counsel and Principal Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the Environment and Natural Resources Division. During her eight years on the management team of the Division, Ms. Moreno was responsible for environmental enforcement policy initiatives, including regional agreements in North and Latin America. Her outstanding work at the Division was recognized by special commendations from the Division and bronze medals from the Environmental Protection Agency for outstanding service. Ms. Moreno then returned to private practice and now serves as Counsel, Corporate Environmental Programs, at the General Electric Company. This breadth of experience in both business and government gives her a broader lens for developing effective strategies to protect the environment.

Second, Ms. Moreno has an excellent record of advocacy at the Department of Justice for strong governmental and citizen processes to protect the environment, with particular concern for the effects of environmental pollution on poor communities. In particular, NCLR is deeply impressed with Ms. Moreno's work to address pollution in the Colonia communities along the

U.S.-Mexican border in Texas, including leading efforts to improve access to safe drinking water. In addition, Ms. Moreno was instrumental in devising the Department of Justice strategy for implementing President Clinton's executive order on environmental justice. We know that Ms. Moreno will continue to be an advocate for strong enforcement of our environmental protection laws wherever they apply.

Third, we note that Ms. Moreno has taken on many leadership and volunteer commitments that contribute to the Hispanic community. For example, she is the General Counsel of the Hispanic National Bar Association, as well as former president of her local chapter. She has also worked on important pro bono activities supporting language assistance in the Voting Rights Act with leading civil rights groups such as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. In addition, Ms. Moreno has donated her time to representing migrant workers in her pro bono legal practice.

In short, we believe that Ignacia Moreno's legal work, leadership experience, and commitment to protecting the environment make her extremely qualified to assume the top leadership role in the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice. Her leadership will be a great asset to the Department of Justice as well as to the advancement of environmental protections for our nation. We hope you will give Ms. Moreno every consideration for this critical post.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Murguía". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and the last name "Murguía" clearly distinguishable.

Janet Murguía
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Richard L. Revesz

Dean and Lawrence King Professor of Law

August 31, 2009

The Honorable Senator Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Senator Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Ignacia Moreno to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division in the Department of Justice. Ms. Moreno is a highly accomplished attorney, and I am absolutely confident that she would perform a great service to our nation in this role.

I am the Dean and Lawrence King Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, where I have taught environmental and administrative law for 24 years. I am also the faculty co-director of the NYU Frank Guarini Center on Environmental and Land Use Law. Ignacia was a student of mine during law school, first in my Environmental Law class and again in my seminar on the Regulations of Toxic Hazards. I remember her as a bright, highly motivated and intellectually engaged student. She assembled a strong record during her time at the Law School, and has since built an extraordinarily successful career that has spanned positions in industry, government, private practice, and public service.

Ignacia started her career in environmental and litigation practice at Hogan & Hartson where she not only represented private and industry clients, but worked with environmental groups to protect the quality of our nation's valuable natural resources. She later went on to serve as principal counsel to former Assistant Attorney General Lois Schiffer at the Environment and Natural Resources Division during the Clinton administration. In that role, Ignacia worked with officials from agencies across the executive branch to protect the environment, public health and welfare of U.S. citizens. She was responsible for both

domestic and international policy matters, representing the United States in civil and criminal litigation and providing counsel on environmental and trade policy issues. She also skillfully represented the U.S. in negotiations with governments in Mexico and Central and South America on cooperative environmental enforcement initiatives.

After returning to private practice for several years, Ignacia went to work as counsel for corporate environmental programs at General Electric. Her industry experience only adds to the depth of knowledge and insight that she would bring to the enforcement of environmental and health-and-safety regulations and serving the public interest.

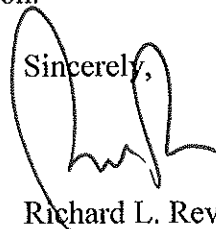
Ignacia has also assumed important leadership roles at the Hispanic Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the Center for International Environmental Law. She has done significant pro bono work during her time in private practice, and her strong record of service demonstrates a deep commitment to protecting the environment and our natural resources.

President Obama has emphasized the importance of building an administration that incorporates a range of perspectives. Ignacia's experience across a variety of sectors will add significant value to the important environmental issues that face our nation. She has proven herself to be a balanced and reflective lawyer who is capable of seeing all sides of the most difficult problems and finding common ground among differing parties and interest groups.

Throughout her career, Ignacia has consistently looked for balanced, viable solutions to vexing environmental problems. She has the credentials, the intellectual ability, and the personal and professional integrity to be an effective leader. I am confident that she will make a public servant of the highest caliber and work hard to uphold the law and protect the public good.

I urge the Senate to confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

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Richard L. Revesz

cc: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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September 3, 2009



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Honorable Senator Jeff Sessions
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*Re: Endorsement of Ignacia S. Moreno for Assistant Attorney General,
Environment and Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice*

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

I write to support the nomination of Ignacia Moreno to the position of Assistant Attorney General. I write as a Professor of environmental and Indian law for over twenty-five years and as someone who has served on boards as diverse as the National Petroleum Council, The Environmental Law Institute, Earth Day Network, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. I have also practiced law in the private sector as well as in the Department of Justice.

Ignacia Moreno is particularly well suited to lead the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United States Department of Justice. It is true that for every position that is filled in the government there are many people who could do a credible job, but there are times and circumstances that make a particular person the absolute right one for the job. These are the times and these are the circumstances that make Ignacia the perfect fit for this position. Let me tell you why.

First, I have known Ignacia since 1993 when I served in DOJ and I have followed her subsequent career. I know that she is a lawyer who exhibits not just sound legal judgment, but wise legal judgment. It is the kind of judgment that can only come from having to deal with a wide variety of challenges and trying to achieve difficult and sometimes cross cutting objectives. Her early work in the private sector prepared her for her later work in the Justice Department where she served for seven years. After her service in the Department she returned to private practice at the law firm of Spriggs & Hollingsworth, and more recently joined GE as a counsel in its corporate environmental program.

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One of the advantages she brings to the position is that her earlier work in the Department has enabled her to learn the ways that agencies work and thus she will be well situated to make the necessary interagency cooperation more efficient and more effective. Additionally, people in the Division already know who she is and they will trust her judgments and her instincts. A large number of them (including some who have now moved up into leadership positions in the sections) know that she is an effective leader who understands that her fundamental obligation is to enforce the laws that Congress has passed and that the agencies are attempting to implement. Because she is a known quantity and is widely respected in the Division, I suspect that her appointment will generally raise the morale of the career lawyers who are among the most dedicated public servants I have ever had the opportunity to work with.

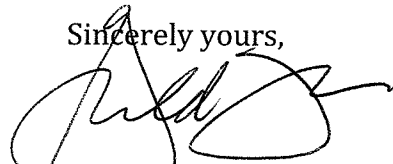
Because of the appropriate focus on its environmental work, there is a side of the Division that gets little attention in the general or environmental media and that is the role the Division plays in relation to the federally recognized Indian tribes. For many tribes the initial point of contact outside of the Department of the Interior is ENRD at the USDOJ. Ignacia will bring to the job a level of trust from the tribes she must deal with and represent as well as an understanding of the complex issues facing Indians and Indian resources and that is something of value that we ought not to take lightly. The appointment is of some importance to people in Indian country.

I also believe that her time at General Electric enables her to bring a valuable perspective on the balance that has to be struck in order to achieve both our environmental and our economic goals. She is well positioned to be taken seriously by both sides in that serious debate.

Finally, I have known her as friend and as a mother who appreciates the complexity of the environment we all face and the importance of working hard, but fairly for a cleaner future knowing that it is her obligation to enforce the law and give policy makers the best advice she can when she is called upon to do so.

Thus I end where I began. These are those special times and circumstances that make Ignacia just the right person for this position. I urge her speedy confirmation.

Sincerely yours,



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