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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
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**Re: Letter in Support of the Nomination of Jesus A. Osete to the United States District Court
for the Western District of Missouri**

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Jesus A. Osete to serve as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Jesus at the Department of Justice during this Administration. In my role as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, I had the opportunity to work with him on difficult legal matters and to see firsthand how he approached the job. Jesus is an excellent lawyer, but what I came to appreciate most was his judgment. He came prepared, listened carefully, asked the right questions, and gave his candid view of what the law required, even when the issue was difficult or the answer was not obvious.

He approached disagreement the same way. Jesus was direct and confident in his views but never dismissive of someone who saw an issue differently. He listened, tested his own thinking, and wanted to understand the arguments on both sides before reaching a conclusion. I never had the sense that he was working backward from a preferred result. He took the law and the facts seriously and expected the lawyers around him to do the same.

That was particularly important given the responsibilities he carried in the Civil Rights Division. As Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Jesus has worked on matters involving some of the most difficult constitutional and statutory questions before the Department. Those matters often involve competing interests, strong views, and significant consequences. My experience working with him gave me confidence in the care and seriousness he brought to those decisions.

I also came to know Jesus beyond the substance of the work and I developed a great deal of respect for him personally. He is a good man. He is thoughtful, decent, dependable, and respectful of the

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people around him. He carries himself with humility and treats people well regardless of their title or position. Those qualities are harder to capture on a resume but they matter in someone who will be entrusted with the authority of a federal judge.

His resume is impressive on its own. He has served in senior legal roles in Missouri and the federal government, practiced appellate law at a prestigious firm, and clerked for two respected judges. But my support for Jesus is based on more than those credentials. I had the opportunity to work with him and to see firsthand the judgment, seriousness, and character he brought to public service. I respect him as a lawyer and as a person. Based on what I saw working with him at DOJ, I am confident he would bring sound judgment, humility, and respect for the law to the bench.

I strongly support Jesus A. Osete's nomination and respectfully urge the Committee to report his nomination favorably to the full Senate.

Respectfully,



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