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

The Hon. Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen SOB Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Leon Rodriguez to serve as the next Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

As executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a Washingtonbased organization of police chiefs from across the country that conducts research on best practices in policing, I have come to know Leon as a good person of sound character.

Leon will bring a very broad and deep level of experience to this critically important federal immigration agency. He is an accomplished attorney with experience in both the private sector and government, at the local and federal levels. He is a former prosecutor who handled a wide variety of cases, including immigration-related cases. He has managerial experience leading staffs at the Justice Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Montgomery County, MD government, and a large national law firm. And his personal story as the son of Cuban exiles will help to inform his perspective on immigration issues.

I believe that Leon is an excellent candidate for Director of USCIS and ask that you give him favorable consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wexler Executive Director