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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of Florida 11th Judicial Circuit Judge Rodolfo A. Ruiz
for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I write to express my strong support of Judge Rodolfo Ruiz's nomination to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. I have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Ruiz for over nine years. Judge Ruiz worked for me as an Assistant County Attorney for three years prior to his initial appointment to the bench. He was an integral part of our office and his performance was exceptional. He served as an outstanding member of several sections of the office—Tax & Finance, Federal Litigation, and Torts—and handled a number of significant matters in all three sections while efficiently managing a full caseload. His keen and analytical mind allowed him to digest complex issues and to communicate orally and in writing in a clear, concise, and organized manner. Moreover, Judge Ruiz repeatedly obtained excellent results for Miami-Dade County in state and federal court at both the trial and appellate levels. He is widely respected, and his former Assistant County Attorney colleagues and I truly enjoyed working with him due to his intellect, temperament, and overall enthusiasm to take on new challenges.

I trusted Judge Ruiz's judgment and greatly valued his input and analysis. To that end, I assigned him legislative matters considered by the Board of County Commissioners, as well as other special responsibilities. For instance, Judge Ruiz served as the lead attorney for ethical and financial disclosure issues faced by attorneys in our office. He also handled intellectual property matters for the County, and assisted the County Administration with effectively implementing complex federal regulations.

Judge Ruiz's continued commitment to bettering our community and profession is evidenced by him making time to sit down with high school and law students in our summer program and in programs throughout the community. He has spent time sharing his experiences as a federal law clerk, lawyer and judge and emphasizing the importance of education, maintaining a good reputation and professionalism.

Although Judge Ruiz's abilities as an attorney are exceptional, it is ultimately his character and integrity that make him stand out as an excellent nominee for the U.S. District Court. I wholeheartedly believe that Judge Ruiz possesses the ideal demeanor for this position, and that his intellect, strong work ethic, humility and open-mindedness will undoubtedly make him a true asset to the federal judiciary.

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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