

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Mia Perez to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley:

It is our distinct pleasure to write in support of Mia Perez's judicial nomination and confirmation. We each have had the privilege of interacting with Mia during our careers and share with her the deepest respect for our judicial system. We are impressed by Mia's diligence, intelligence, dedication, and integrity. It is because of her ethics and compassion, grounded in sensibility, that we are confident she will provide sound and measured opinions, while approaching each case without bias and with respect for the rule of law.

Our support for Mia is not lightly offered – each of us has, in our careers, served in the role of federal prosecutor, on the other side of the courtroom from where Mia has spent most of her career. It is because of that time and the incredible power of our former role that we understand the central role of the courts in our system of government, and their sacred duty to provide equal and impartial justice to all. Mia's dedication to the same understanding, albeit from a different perspective, is proven through her exceptional work as a public defender representing indigent defendants in criminal cases and will be an asset to the bench.

On their own, Mia's keen intellect, legal talent, and honesty would be sufficient for us to support her nomination enthusiastically and without reservation. Each of us, who have spent collectively several decades as public servants, profoundly understand the importance of a representative system of justice, and Mia's background – including her deep-rooted perspective on the importance of impartiality in our criminal justice system – will add a needed perspective to the bench. We have no doubt that she will handle the work of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania more than ably and will approach every aspect of that work with the fairness and respect worthy of the Court.

Sincerely,

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