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Chairman Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Chuck Grassley  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support of the Nomination of Rosie Hidalgo to Director of Office of Violence Against Women**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter for the record. My name is Esta Soler and I am the President and Founder of Futures Without Violence ("FUTURES"). For more than 35 years, FUTURES has worked to end violence against women and children in the United States and around the world through empowering individuals and organizations, transforming social norms, and providing education and technical assistance. On behalf of Futures Without Violence, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Rosie Hidalgo to Director of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) at the Department of Justice.

FUTURES has worked with Ms. Hidalgo for years in several professional capacities including her positions as a policy advocate, Deputy Director for Policy at OVW, as Senior Director of Public Policy at Casa de Esperanza, and in her current role on the White House Gender Policy Council. Based on our experiences working with Ms. Hidalgo, I believe she is an exemplary nominee for this role. FUTURES is particularly excited about Ms. Hidalgo's nomination as she has worked extensively on issues such as violence prevention, changing social norms, working with men and youth, working with children exposed to violence, and advocating for culturally informed programming for survivors. These are all issues that are vital to our mission and to preventing and eradicating gender-based violence.

Having worked with Ms. Hidalgo for over a decade, I believe she is an excellent fit to lead OVW because of her outstanding leadership in the gender-based violence community, her thoughtful vision, and policy expertise. I strongly support the nomination of Rosie Hidalgo to Director of OVW and look forward to swift confirmation of this excellent nominee.

Sincerely,  
Esta Soler  
President and Founder  
Futures Without Violence