

April 2, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Leon Rodriguez as Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security. I have known Leon for almost 15 years and believe him to possess the highest level of ethics and professionalism.

When Leon joined our law firm, I served, as I do today, as the Chair of the Ober|Kaler Health Law Practice Group. Thus, I worked closely with Leon from his first day at this firm. I found him to approach client service in a way that very few attorneys can achieve. I was also extremely impressed with the manner and professionalism with which he worked with opposing counsel, including representatives of the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services. It was clear from the response that he elicited from those attorneys, that he was highly respected by all.

I believe that Leon's intelligence, combined with his prior experience with DOJ, enabled him to quickly, and accurately, assess the relevant legal issues and to cut through the "noise" that is often encountered in the context of federal civil and/or criminal investigations. We worked on a variety of very complex health care regulatory issues and his ability to understand and simplify the true legal issues was quite impressive. This skill significantly served the best interests of his clients, as well as facilitated the critical discussions and negotiations with other counsel.

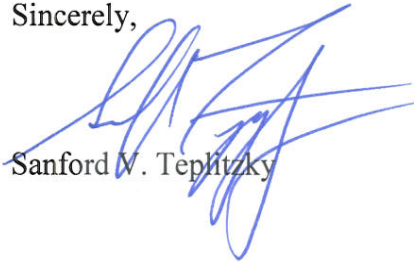
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Above all, I have always found Leon to conduct himself at the highest moral, ethical, and professional levels. He is a man who says what he means, and means what he says. He is respectful of others, considerate in his approach to issues, and true to his clear goal of doing the right things for the right reasons.

I have served as the President of the American Health Lawyers Association and I know that others throughout the country share my view of, and respect for, Leon.

Sincerely,



Sanford M. Teplitzky