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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to you in enthusiastic support of Veronica Rossman's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and respectfully urge her confirmation.

We represent a wide range of legal experience in the Colorado legal community: civil lawyers, in-house counsel, former prosecutors, criminal defense lawyers, public interest lawyers, former government attorneys, larger firm practitioners, small town lawyers, and academics. We all have worked with Veronica, know her personally, or know her body of work and reputation. All of us believe that Veronica Rossman would bring a unique combination of substantial intellect, work ethic, life and professional experiences to the court.

Indeed, Veronica's diverse background would lend a distinct and unique voice to the court. She immigrated to the United States with her family from the former Soviet Union as a child, leaving behind a history of discrimination against Jews like her, and embracing the opportunities the United States afforded immigrants. The perspective she would offer would contribute enormously to the pressing need for a greater diversity of experiences on the federal bench in general, and on the Tenth Circuit in particular.

Veronica graduated from Columbia University and the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and has spent the majority of her legal career representing individuals under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964. Throughout her career as a federal public defender, she has taught us all that credible, effective advocacy requires the ability to respect the law and to argue for its accurate and equitable application on behalf of those whose lives will be forever changed by the outcome of the case. She brings this perspective from her work as a defender, and she will bring it to the Tenth Circuit where no federal public defender has ever sat. As evidenced by the diverse group of her supporters, many of whom are prosecutors, there is wide agreement that she will bring wisdom and balance to the court.

Veronica's legal experience extends beyond public defense. Her long career has included a clerkship on the Nevada Supreme Court; serving as a staff attorney for the Ninth Circuit;; teaching at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law; and working as a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP. The broad spectrum of topics she has briefed showcase a unique ability to unpack complex intersections of law and fact with clear, systemic reasoning.

Veronica has always demonstrated an abiding respect for her colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Her commitment to fairness and collegiality will serve the bench and the public well. She has a celebrated work ethic, a well-deserved reputation for objectivity, and an excellent temperament. She will be a model representative of the judiciary.

We believe Veronica Rossman represents the best of the Colorado legal community and will be an excellent addition to the court.

Sincerely,

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