

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the
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United States Senate
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RE: Law Enforcement Support for Nomination of Myrna Pérez to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

As members of law enforcement, across the political spectrum, we write to express our support for the confirmation of Myrna Pérez to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The undersigned include current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, and federal, state, and local chief prosecutors from jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Ms. Pérez' distinguished legal career includes leading the Brennan Center for Justice's Voting Rights and Election Program, serving as the Civil Rights Fellow at Relman, Dane & Colfax, and clerking for the Honorable Anita B. Brody of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Honorable Julio M. Fuentes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. For nearly two decades, Ms. Pérez' primary concern has been honoring the Constitution to ensure that our nation's democracy is inclusive, voting rights are protected, and elections are administered fairly.

As leaders in law enforcement, we are deeply concerned with the rule of law and view public safety as intrinsically linked with the public's confidence and trust in our nation's democracy. Ms. Pérez has spent her entire career as a civil rights attorney and public servant, frequently working alongside the law enforcement community in efforts to restore federal and state voting rights for ex-offenders disenfranchised by a felony conviction. We are confident that Ms. Pérez will bring diversity of thought and experience to the federal bench and that her conviction for what is fair and just will strengthen the integrity of our nation's judiciary.

We respectfully urge the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to swiftly advance Ms. Pérez's nomination and for the Senate to confirm this exceptional nominee without delay.

Sincerely,

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National Police Foundation
Former Police Chief
Redlands, California

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Former Police Chief
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