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Senator Dick Durbin
United States Senate
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Senator Chuck Grassley
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Myrna Pérez to serve as a Justice on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Beyond her reputation as a forthright, experienced, and intelligent voting rights lawyer, Ms. Pérez has the respect of election officials on both sides of the aisle.

As the Secretary of State of Washington for the last 8 years and now in my third term, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Pérez to better understand important election policy issues. Her work with the Brennan Center for Justice on topics like implementing Automatic Voter Registration and most recently, explaining the many components of H.R. 1 helped me make better decisions as the Chief Election Officer for the state of Washington. She provided invaluable, unbiased, and apolitical insight, which I also believe she will bring to the bench.

Washington state leads the country with voting and election advancements. The country looked to us when the global pandemic forced many states to use the accessible and secure vote by mail process because of our experience and success with it. Our state also uses other accessible measures like automatic voter registration, same day registration and public financing, just to name a few. We can put these cutting edge, forward thinking practices in place because of working relationships with people like Myrna Pérez. We have used her guidance and expertise to navigate the law, the process, and the implementation.

No matter what side of the discussion we were on, I knew she and her team would provide reliable analysis and application of the law above any desired ideological position. Most recently, my office helped our legislature craft legislation to re-enfranchise formerly incarcerated Washingtonians. Her assistance helped us craft laws that could be administered effectively by local election officials.

I have no doubt Ms. Pérez would make an excellent Court of Appeals Judge. I am honored to add my name in support.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Washington Secretary of State