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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

RE: Judge David Estudillo
Nomination for Federal District Court Judge

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

It is with pleasure I recommend Judge David Estudillo for confirmation to become a federal District Court judge. Judge Estudillo was appointed to the Grant County Superior Court bench a few years ago. He has won two elections for that position since. I have personally had a chance to appear in front of Judge Estudillo and our office appears before him on a regular basis.

When Judge Estudillo was appointed, he was thrown right into the fire. He presided over some very difficult trials within the first few weeks of taking the bench. It was not long before he presided over a difficult murder trial. I was personally impressed with his ability to handle the pressure of the situation that quickly.

Judge Estudillo has worked hard to organize and try to find funding for the county's first specialty court. He recognized the need for a drug court, going beyond his regular duties to try to make it a reality. Unfortunately, when progress was being made, we encountered the Covid pandemic and things were put on hold. We are still hoping that the drug court will come to fruition.

Judge Estudillo enjoys a reputation of being a kind man and has a good disposition for one on the bench. He always treats people with courtesy and respect. I am not aware of any thing that would disqualify him from being able to serve on the bench. I support a confirming vote.

Sincerely,

Brett Hill,
Director of Public Defense