



June 1, 2021

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 Support

After winning the Nobel Prize for Physics, Albert Einstein was holding a press conference. During the press conference a young reporter asked if he could ask a question of Mrs. Einstein. Of course, Dr. Einstein said yes. His question was: Mrs. Einstein, do you understand Dr. Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Without hesitation Mrs. Einstein's response was quite profound. She said "I understand something far more important than Dr. Einstein's Theory of Relativity, I understand Dr. Einstein." I relate this story to my recommending Judge Estudillo for a Federal District Court appointment. I don't know much about his "judging" skills, but I do know about his human skills. I know what kind of person he is.

Judge Estudillo is a humble, honorable, humane person. He has never forgotten his heritage. He frequently tells others of the hard work that his parents did so he could get an education and better himself as a person. That isn't to say he didn't work hard, but he understands the sacrifices others made for his success. That says a great deal about him as a person.

He has been involved in his church with many activities including running a Vacation Bible School with his wife. This shows his love of God, his church, and the children that attended the classes. He also took vacation time off work to do this.

Judge Estudillo has had to deal with prejudice here in Grant County. He was initially appointed by Governor Inslee to fill a vacancy. When he ran for election, his opponent stated at a voter's forum that he was only appointed because of "the color of his skin." Rather than counter attacking, Judge Estudillo chose the high ground and talked about his accomplishments as a Judge in Grant County. He, of course, won the election.

On multiple occasions I have asked Judge Estudillo for advice regarding certain legal matters. He has always responded quickly and appropriately.

He is a respected member of our community. He is involved in our community. He is committed to our community. This is what I understand about Judge Estudillo and why I can recommend him highly for a Federal Judge position.

If I may be of further service please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DC", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Curnel
Mayor, Moses Lake, WA

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