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Senator Dick Durbin
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Chuck Grassley
United State Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Myrna Pérez to the US Court of Appeals Second Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing to offer my support for the nomination of Myrna Pérez to serve as a Justice on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Ms. Pérez is respected by those who work in the elections field because of her understanding of the law, her willingness to provide advice, but most importantly the high standards she sets for following the law.

As Vermont's Secretary of State for more than 10 years and a past President of the National Association of Secretaries of State, I have studied and used the work of Ms. Pérez and her team at the Brennan Center for Justice on many reforms we have implemented like automatic voter registration, same day registration or post-election audits among other advancements.

Vermont is a national leader in free, fair and accurate elections. Most recently we built off the success of the November General Election, using mail in voting during the pandemic, by permanently adding it to our Vermont state statutes. The passage of this legislation was supported across the aisle by Republicans, Democrats, Progressives and independents - and signed into law by Vermont's Republican Governor. These changes were possible by having reliable relationships with people like Myrna Pérez. We depend on her integrity and determination to find the best way to do what is fair for voters.

I believe Ms. Pérez would continue to use these characteristics and leadership traits to make an excellent Court of Appeals Judge. I am proud to support her.

Sincerely,

Jim Condos
Vermont Secretary of State

Cc: Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Bernie Sanders
Congressman Peter Welch