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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Regina Rodriguez

Dear Chairman Durbin,

There is no person better poised to effectively serve on the U.S. District Court than Regina Rodriguez from Colorado. Not only does she have the background and character necessary to understand and preside over complex litigation, but Regina has served as community advocate for more than thirty years. Her unwavering commitment to her Colorado communities, including the ever-growing Latinx communities, has provided Regina a perspective that is grounded, fair, and will serve Regina well on the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

We have had the privilege of working in partnership with Regina for nearly 10 years in her capacity as a founding board member of the Latinas First Foundation. Established in 2011 the Latinas First Foundation was created to provide a critical network and support for Latinas to reach their highest potential. Our organization provides scholarships, mentorship and networking opportunities, and honors Latina Trailblazers and Unsung Heroines. Latinas First is focused on the cultural and historical contributions of Latinas to the state of Colorado and strives to herald a new generation of professional Latinas who will contribute to our communities. In her role on our Board of Directors, Regina was critical in fundraising which has enabled us to award over 140 scholarships to young Latinas.

Regina's advocacy for education does not stop with our organization, and her community commitments have spanned the entire student life cycle. She has advocated for preschool children in her role with Family Star Montessori and college completion as a Commissioner of Colorado Higher Education. With deep Colorado roots, strong evidence of action in minoritized and underserved communities, and a powerhouse legal background we find no candidate better suited to serve Colorado constituents than Regina Rodriguez. We strongly recommend her appointment to the U.S. District Court. The District of Colorado deserves no less.

**Latinas First Foundation Co-Founders**

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