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Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

My name is Luis O. Encarnación and I am the Chief United States Probation Officer for the District of Puerto Rico. I have served this Court for nearly 22 years, eighteen of those years as a federal probation officer supervising individuals in the community. I am writing this letter to you in support of the appointment of María Antongiorgi, Esq., to United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

I have known Ms. Antongiorgi for the last four years. We maintain a courteous, professional relationship primarily based on our positions as Court Unit Executives in the District Court of Puerto Rico. However, my first contact with Ms. Antongiorgi was around six years ago, when I was participating from a workshop about "harassment in the workplace", where she was the main presenter. I was certainly impressed at that time by her intelligence, communication skills, knowledge of the law, and expertise in the subject. In our current relationship, I am even more impressed by her qualities as a human being. Ms. Antongiorgi is a person of integrity, high ethical values, and has proven to be an excellent listener, empathetic, respectful, organized, a negotiator, a problem solver, and equanimous.

As a citizen and as a professional, I care very much about our communities' safety, as well as the persons we serve in the criminal justice system. I expect that defendants and persons under supervision to be treated with respect, dignity, and fairness.

I strongly believe that Ms. María Antongiorgi's character and intelligence suit the position she is being considered for perfectly. I would be proud to see the appointment of this excellent woman as United States District Court Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Respectfully,

Luis O. Encarnación, Chief  
U.S. Probation Officer  
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