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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley

On behalf of the Mexican American Bar Association (MABA), we write to inform you of our endorsement of Judge Hernán D. Vera and to recommend his confirmation to the United States Central District Court of California. Judge Vera has distinguished himself as a prominent attorney and judge, and we believe he would make an excellent addition to the Central District.

Throughout his career, Judge Vera has demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law and a dedication to serve the public. Judge Vera is currently a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge in the Juvenile Division in Monterey Park, California, where he manages a caseload of approximately 1,200 dependency cases. Prior to being appointed a Superior Court Judge, Judge Vera was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Counsel, which is the country's largest pro bono law firm. He joined Public Counsel as a Directing Attorney in the Consumer Law Project, where he managed the unit providing direct legal services to indigent defendants in the area of consumer fraud. He then served as the President and CEO of Public Counsel for 6 years, during which he doubled the size of Public Counsel. Judge Vera also has valuable private sector experience; he was previously a Principal of Bird Marella P.C. and Counsel at O'Melveny & Myers. Judge Vera began his legal career as a Law Clerk to United States District Court Judge Consuelo B. Marshall.

As the leading association of Latino lawyers in the Los Angeles-area, MABA is dedicated to a mission of advocacy and community service. As such, it is vital that we support and encourage you to appoint to the bench the best and brightest members of our profession. Judge Vera is a qualified, respected, and distinguished member of the legal profession, and he embodies all the attributes and necessary characteristics to serve as exemplary judicial officer. We are proud to endorse him, and urge his speedy confirmation to the bench.

Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Monica Guizar

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