

January 20, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin:

We write in support of Paul Monteiro to serve as Director of the Community Relations Service at the U.S. Department of Justice.

We have been lucky to work with Paul over the past 14 years on different occasions and in different capacities and we've always been grateful for the opportunity to do so. Paul is a rare breed of someone who brings great humility and kindness to his work yet tackles every challenge with tenacity, speed, and attention to detail.

When Paul served in the White House Office of Public Engagement, he led engagement with many religious leaders including the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America and our church's national leadership. He was a remarkable face and voice of the White House in our community.

In Paul's role as National Director at AmeriCorps Vista and in his role at the Community Relations Office at the Department of Justice, Paul was known for his tremendous ability to pair the work of the organization with those external partners with class. He has always had the ability to bring people from different backgrounds, beliefs and with different priorities in line to drive toward a common goal.

His exemplary leadership continued to his service at Howard University where he excelled in his external affairs role where he worked with external organizations, university stakeholders and students. His caring for others extended not only to university priorities but also mentoring students on how to get involved in politics and helping open doors for many.

We believe Paul would be a tremendous asset to the Department of Justice in this role based off his many years in external roles, his ability to bring people of different backgrounds together and his rare combination of kindness and tenacity.

Sincerely,

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