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December 21, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) and the 2,600 Ys across the country that are strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, I write in support of the confirmation of Paul Monteiro to serve as the Director of the Community Relations Service (CRS) in the Department of Justice.

The Y is the nation's leading community-based network committed to providing backbone support to strengthen the 10,000 communities we serve as a safety net in times of crisis, conflict, or unrest. Over the years and across multiple administrations, the Y has worked with the Department of Justice to connect locally to support community bridge building, healing, and work towards greater social inclusion and cohesion for all. CRS regional and field offices have worked with Ys and the communities they serve to facilitate dialogue, share resources and expertise, and explore local strategies to address local challenges.

We were honored to work with Mr. Monteiro in the past to build deeper collaboration between Ys in our local communities and initiatives that Mr. Monteiro has supported in his impressive career – like the Community Relations Service (CRS) at the US Department of Justice.

The COVID-19 pandemic has unmasked deep challenges that will require thoughtful leadership from dedicated public servants. In our years of work with Mr. Monteiro, he has always prioritized the need to partner with others – like the Y. We know that he would thrive in this role with the Department of Justice.

It is important that you know of our support as the Committee and the full Senate moves to consider Mr. Monteiro for confirmation. His demonstrated leadership and his depth of experience and commitment to service should earn him swift confirmation by the Committee and the Senate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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YMCA of the USA