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Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: HBA-DC Endorsement for United States District Court

Dear President Obama:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”) is pleased to support Judge John M. Mott’s nomination for a Judge position on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. We believe, based on our research and deliberations, including an interview with Judge Mott and consultation with his colleagues, that his work as a Judge would be a significant contribution to the District Court.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement. We ensure that candidates for endorsement meet the letter and the spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as demonstrated professional qualifications and personal traits.

On the basis of that review, we believe that Judge Mott’s distinguished career in public service provides the requisite professional experience to merit our support. Judge Mott has built an impressive public service career, serving for seven years at the District of Columbia Public Defender Service representing indigent defendants in several matters including appellate and juvenile cases. He then served in various trial and leadership positions at the United States Department of Justice working in the area of civil rights enforcement.

Moreover, Judge Mott’s experience as Acting Chief of the Criminal Section while at the Department of Justice demonstrates impressive communication and interpersonal skills as well as administrative and organizational talent. Through his work as an Associate Judge on the bench of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, he has amassed sufficient experience presiding over family, domestic, criminal, and civil cases to offer an excellent level of competency on the District Court. His overall experience working on all facets of the justice system – defense, prosecution, and judging – provides Judge Mott with the ideal well-rounded perspective to serve on the District Court.

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Other significant factors encourage our support as well. The HBA-DC highly values a demonstrated commitment to the District's community as well as to the rights or advancement of the Hispanic community or other historically disadvantaged groups. Judge Mott's volunteer work with National Council of La Raza, Neighborhood Legal Services, and the Latin American Youth Center demonstrate the kind of sustained commitment to the District and to minority groups that makes the HBA-DC proud to support his nomination. We are especially proud and appreciative of Judge Mott's personal participation in the HBA-DC's recent partnership with the Oyster Adams School, lending a helping hand in projects large and small, whether it be cleaning up the school or participating in the HBA-DC's programs for the school's families.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased and proud to recommend Judge John Mott's nomination for a District Court Judge position in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. If we can be of further assistance in the nomination process, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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HBA-DC Endorsements Committee

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