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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Endorsement of Patricia A. Millett

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”) grants its endorsement to Patricia A. Millett to serve as a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (“D.C. Circuit.”). Based on Ms. Millett’s long-term service to the community and her professional qualifications honed before various appellate courts, including the Supreme Court, we believe that she would be a valuable contribution to the D.C. Circuit.

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, personal traits, and demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia community and minority communities.

Ms. Millett possesses the requisite professional experience to serve as a judge in the D.C. Circuit. She previously clerked for Judge Thomas Tang in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit and worked at the Department of Justice for over thirteen years, including assignments with the Office of the Solicitor General and the Civil Division’s Appellate Section. Her private sector experience is similarly impressive, including her current position as head of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP’s Supreme Court practice and as co-head of the firm’s national appellate practice. In total, Ms. Millett has argued 32 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and

approximately 36 in the courts of appeals. She is only the second woman to have argued more than 30 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

More importantly, HBA-DC is impressed with Ms. Millett's community service. She has served on the boards of several legal and public service organizations, including the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, the Georgetown University Law Center's Supreme Court Institute, and the Supreme Court Historical Society. On two occasions, she received awards from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP for her pro bono service representing indigent criminal defendants and other clients in civil rights cases in the Supreme Court and courts of appeals. Ms. Millett also has served as a literacy tutor for nearly 20 years. Additionally, she has been involved in homeless ministries through her church that sometimes required her to sleep overnight as a monitor. Her work with homeless shelters began when she clerked for Judge Tang and has continued to include meal preparations at the Hypothermia Shelter and the weekly delivery of fresh produce to various shelters.

In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to endorse Patricia A. Millett to serve as a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. If we can be of further assistance in the nomination process, please let us know.

Sincerely,



David Diaz
Co-Chair, Endorsements Committee
Hispanic Bar Association of DC

cc: Patricia A. Millett
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