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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Myrna Pérez for United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to give my highest recommendation for Myrna Pérez, whom President Biden has nominated for a position as Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, one of the most important judicial positions in the country.

I have known Ms. Pérez for over a decade through her work on voting rights and democracy issues at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. As someone who follows election law legislation and litigation very closely in my role as professor of law and political science and as editor of the *Election Law Blog*, I have observed Ms. Pérez as both a litigator and a public policy analyst and advocate. I have seen her shepherd cases from early stages of identifying witnesses and conducting discovery to drafting appellate briefs and participating in oral argument before federal appellate courts and other bodies. I have read reports she has authored, seen her testimony before legislative bodies, and been a co-panelist with her on a voting rights panel.

From all of my observations, I can say that Ms. Pérez's skills as a lawyer, advocate, and thinker are consistently excellent. She possesses a keen legal mind, understanding nuanced points of law and crafting fine-tuned legal arguments responsive to applicable legal standards and judicial precedent. She has deep respect for the rule of law and shows great appreciation for the role of the federal courts in both safeguarding rights and assuring fair procedures. She is an effective advocate for her clients' positions, and a champion of justice.

Ms. Pérez also has the right judicial temperament. Her work is measured and careful, always avoiding hyperbole and rancor that often infects discussions of voting issues. She will be a fair judge, considering all arguments and offering rulings consistent with constitutional and statutory imperatives. She will be committed to justice for all litigants before her, regardless of their backgrounds. And she will be a collegial judge, committed to working on appellate panels to achieve consensus where possible, and respectful disagreement when not.

In short, Ms. Pérez is an inspired choice for a Second Circuit judgeship. I urge her swift confirmation with broad bipartisan support.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard L. Hasen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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