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The President of the United States  
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Dear Mr. President:

I write, on behalf of the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA), the oldest ethnic bar association in the state of New York, founded in 1957, to ask you for your serious consideration in appointing Edgardo Ramos to the position of United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut. Edgardo is one of four individuals whose name was recently forwarded for your consideration, by Connecticut Senators Dodd and Lieberman. Many members of the Puerto Rican Bar Association know Edgardo personally and many more of us have enjoyed the opportunity to know of his work, his judgment, his intellect and his commitment to the law. We cannot be more effusive in our support and for his appointment to such a prestigious position.

A graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, where he excelled, Edgardo is a partner with Day Pitney LLP, a Connecticut-based firm with offices throughout the tri-state area and the District of Columbia. As a white-collar criminal defense lawyer, Edgardo has successfully represented companies and individuals under investigation by the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission. He has also provided valuable service to the federal courts by serving on the Criminal Justice Act Panel of the Southern District of New York. Prior to his current position, Edgardo spent ten years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, where he prosecuted large, complex cases across a range of substantive areas including bank and tax frauds, public corruption and arms export violations. As a supervisor in that office, Edgardo



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oversaw the work of a dozen AUSAs investigating international drug-trafficking and money laundering organizations. For his efforts in bringing a notorious drug king-pin to justice, Edgardo was awarded the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Even as he was building a successful legal career, Edgardo remained heavily involved in community oriented pursuits in Connecticut and New York. He is a long-time board member of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association and a former vice president of that organization. Through his involvement with the Connecticut and National Hispanic Bar associations, he has mentored dozens of Latino law students and young attorneys. Edgardo is active in the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity, whose mission is to unite the resources of Connecticut's leading law firms and corporations in the joint effort of making the state a more attractive place for attorneys of color and women to practice law. The Connecticut Bar Association also recently selected Edgardo as a James W. Cooper Fellow. The Cooper Fellows program promotes a better understanding of the legal profession and the judicial system among the citizens of Connecticut.

In New York, Edgardo recently completed three years of service as a board member of the PRBA. Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed Edgardo as one of six Commissioners on the New York City Commission to Combat Police Corruption. The Commission serves an oversight role over the New York City Police Department's anti-corruption policies and procedures. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Aspira of New York, Inc., an organization that provides Latino high-school students with an innovative curriculum that stresses leadership development through community involvement. Students who participate in the Aspira "Clubs" graduate at a substantially higher rate than other Latino high school students do.

Edgardo's appointment would also send a strong, positive message to the citizens of Connecticut. As you are no



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doubt aware, only a handful of Latinos, particularly those of Puerto Rican descent, have ever served as United States Attorney in the country's 93 U.S. Attorney's Offices. Currently, there is not one sitting Latino United States Attorney in the country outside of Puerto Rico. There has never been a Latino U.S. Attorney in the State of Connecticut, despite the fact that Hispanics are a sizeable and growing population in the State. Edgardo is uniquely qualified to be the first.

I am confident that Edgardo will lead the office with integrity and professionalism and strongly recommend him for this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberto Ramirez".

Roberto Ramirez  
President, Puerto Rican Bar Association

cc:

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