



May 7, 2015

**Via First Class Mail and Facsimile (202) 228-0284**

The Honorable Pat Toomey  
United States Senate  
248 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Hispanic National Bar Association Urges Consideration of the Nomination of the Honorable Luis Felipe Restrepo to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

Dear Senator Toomey:

On behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”), I write to request that you urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to swiftly consider the nomination of the Honorable Luis Felipe Restrepo to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. As you know, President Obama nominated Judge Restrepo to the District Court in 2013. Subsequently, the Senate unanimously confirmed Judge Restrepo in accordance with your and Senator Casey’s recommendation. Despite your and Senator Casey’s support of the nomination of Judge Restrepo to the Third Circuit, and despite the fact that he already recently went through the same detailed vetting process for the District Court, the nomination has been awaiting committee consideration for six months, with no hearing scheduled to date. Meanwhile, the seat he will fill on the Third Circuit has been vacant for eighteen months and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has declared a “judicial emergency” for appeals out of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The HNBA conducted a thorough due diligence process and has twice endorsed Judge Restrepo, first for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and most recently for Third Circuit. It is the opinion of the HNBA that Judge Restrepo possesses the professional expertise, experience, personal integrity and judicial temperament to distinguish himself as a federal appellate judge. Accordingly, we urge you move his nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit along for consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Raben".

Robert Raben  
Chair, HNBA Judiciary Committee