

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 25, 2003

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President:

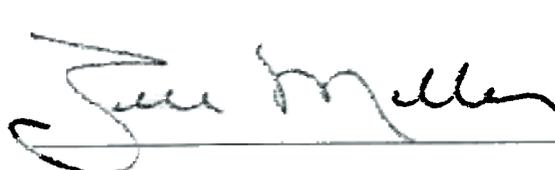
We write to express the strong, majority support in the United States Senate for Miguel Estrada, your nominee to the United States Court of Appeals to the District of Columbia Circuit.

Mr. Estrada's professional accomplishments and personal achievement are truly impressive. He graduated *magna cum laude* from both Columbia College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and Harvard Law School, where he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He clerked on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. Miguel Estrada served with distinction as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the prestigious Southern District of New York, rising to Deputy Chief of the Appellate section, and in the Solicitor General's office during both Republican and Democrat Administrations where he argued fifteen cases before the Supreme Court.

It is no wonder Mr. Estrada received a rare, unanimous rating of "well qualified" from the American Bar Association, what many of our colleagues call the coveted "Gold Standard."

Mr. Estrada's professional successes are even more remarkable in light of his compelling personal story. After emigrating from Honduras at the age of seventeen, he reached the pinnacle of his profession by overcoming a speech impediment and mastering a second language. These are daunting challenges for anyone; they are particularly impressive when one's profession is the practice of oral advocacy before the nation's highest court.

Despite his obvious qualifications and remarkable personal story, we have been unable to obtain fair consideration on the Senate floor for Mr. Estrada's nomination. Nevertheless, we, the undersigned majority in the United States Senate, commend you for your outstanding choice, and will continue to work diligently to ensure Mr. Estrada receives a simple up or down vote on the Senate floor.

Sincerely,  
  


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