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Dear Carlos:

I am writing in support of your race in 2021 for judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Chester County. I have had the pleasure of knowing you for 17 or 18 years. You were originally Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County but, I believe, for the last 17 years, you have worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Chester County.

In the Chester County District Attorney's Office, you are now a Senior Deputy District Attorney. Besides your current trial responsibilities that involve the prosecution of major murder trials, major drug trials, major sexual predator trials, among other cases, you are also, as I understand it, the Chief of the Violent Crime Unit at the DA's Office.

I am supporting you for judge for several reasons. First and foremost is your extensive trial experience in both jury and nonjury trials in the Chester County Courthouse. As far as I can see, you have probably more trial experience than any Assistant District Attorney in Chester County. Obviously, having that vast trial experience will be of great value to you when you are elected as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Your extensive trial experience would allow you to immediately take the bench and preside over serious civil and criminal jury trials.

Even more importantly to me is your temperament and what I consider good judgement. For all of the years I have known and worked with you, and had cases with you, I

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have found you to be extremely fair in evaluating cases and making recommendations. I have also found you to be an excellent trial lawyer and opponent, but also one who is honest and tries cases with integrity. One of the things I have always liked about you is that we can fight hard in the courtroom, but be friends outside of it. In other words, you have the proper temperament to preside over cases. Also, you know most of the lawyers in Chester County and surrounding counties. Knowing lawyers is a real plus for any judicial officer. You know which lawyers you can trust and which lawyers you can't. You know which lawyers know how to try cases and which lawyers don't. As a judicial officer, that kind of knowledge is invaluable.

You also bring something else. One of the problems with the Chester County judiciary is the lack of diversity. You bring to the table a different background than others and that background gives you a much broader understanding of the Chester County community you will serve. In my mind, it is imperative that someone with your skills and background be elected and serve as a judicial officer in Chester County.


Finally, I have always found you to be fair. You know, at times, when there has to be a toughness or a more punitive approach to a particular case. On the other hand, you know when mercy and leniency are appropriate. You have the courage to do what is right. You will decide the cases on the merits of the case, the law, and the arguments. You will not be afraid of public opinion or what lawyers think in terms of doing what you consider the right thing. That is what I like about you.

Therefore, I strongly recommend your candidacy for the Court of Common Pleas in Chester County to any Chester County resident as they consider voting in the upcoming

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primary election. I strongly support your candidacy for
this judicial office.

Very truly yours,


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