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HNBA COMMENDS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOMINATION OF LUIS C. DE BACA, THOMAS E. PEREZ AND MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARISA J. DEMEO FOR KEY APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) applauds President Obama's decision to nominate Mr. Luis C. De Baca for Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the Department of State; Mr. Thomas E. Perez for Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice; and Magistrate Judge Marisa J. Demeo for Associate Judge in the D.C. Superior Court. Each of these candidates has stellar academic and professional qualifications as well as a proven record of public service. We urge the Senate to confirm these nominees expeditiously to allow them to begin the important work ahead.

Ramona E. Romero, the HNBA National President, noted that "these nominees are among the scores of talented and experienced Latino attorneys who are qualified and prepared to serve in the Obama administration. HNBA members are being considered for positions in the Administration because of their expertise in diverse substantive areas of the law, and we anticipate and hope for additional nominations in the near term." Alejandra Castillo, co-chair of the HNBA's Executive Endorsements Committee, added that "through its Presidential Appointments Project, the HNBA will continue to work with the Obama Administration to ensure that Latino attorneys are nominated to the federal bench as well as key Executive Branch positions of authority, particularly in roles involving the development, execution and enforcement of legal policy."

The HNBA is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership organization that represents the interests of the more than 100,000 attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, and law students of Hispanic descent in the United States, its territories and Puerto Rico. Through its Presidential Appointments Project, the HNBA has gathered and provided the White House with numerous resumes of Latino lawyers interested in serving in the Administration. For more information about the HNBA and its Appointments Project, please visit www.hnba.com.

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