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The Honorable Tom Udall
U.S. House of Representatives
1410 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: HR 544 – the Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse

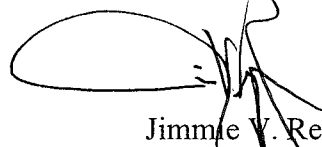
Dear Congressman Udall:

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) has determined to support HR 544, a bill that you sponsor which would re-name the U.S. District Courthouse in Santa Fe, New Mexico, after the Honorable Judge Santiago E. Campos.

Judge Campos was a trailblazer for the Hispanic Bar, and an inspiration for all practicing attorneys and aspiring judges. He had a long and distinguished legal career in New Mexico that started in 1953 when he graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law. He served as an Assistant and First Assistant Attorney General for New Mexico, and was elected to the State District Court. In 1978, President Carter appointed Judge Campos to the Federal District Court, where he later served as Chief Judge. He was the first Hispanic federal judge in New Mexico, and I recall the sense of distinct honor that I felt when I appeared before him as a young lawyer. Judge Campos represented the best of the judicial qualities that we seek in our country's jurists. He was a positive force in the New Mexico legal community and he left a legacy that will long endure as part of the rich tradition and honored history of the great State of New Mexico.

Congressman, we also thank you for leading this effort. If there is anything we can do to further our support, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach me through our national office, or directly at (202) 293-8128.

Sincerely,



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