

July 6, 2023

United States Senate  
50 Constitution Avenue NE  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the undersigned national Hispanic organizations, representing millions of Hispanic/Latino individuals and families nationwide, we write to express our unequivocal support for Rosemarie (Rosie) Hidalgo, to serve as Director of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Her service and commitment to centering trauma-informed approaches to gender-based violence, and understanding the unique needs women and families, has been unrivaled throughout her career. 1 in 5 women in the United States today are Hispanic/Latina, by 2060, that number will be closer to 1 in 3. While gender-based violence is not unique to the Hispanic community, survivors of color are disproportionately lacking in access to life-saving resources. It is critical at this moment in history to confirm a Latina to serve at the helm of the Office on Violence Against Women.

The confirmation of Rosemarie Hidalgo would send a strong signal to victims of gender-based violence from communities of color that the Biden Administration is actively engaged in meeting their needs. From her work as a staff attorney at the Door – A Center of Alternatives and Legal Services of Northern Virginia, through her work at Casa de Esperanza (now Esperanza United), and now as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor for the White House Gender Policy Council, Rosemarie Hidalgo stands as a shining example of a public servant dedicated to understanding the unique needs of victims of gender-based violence and has a proven track record as a policy advocate with strong connections with the service provider field. Throughout her career, her focus has always remained on the individuals and families in most need.

We strongly urge the Senate to confirm Rosemarie Hidalgo as the Director of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to allow her to continue ground-breaking intersectional work on behalf of women and families.

Sincerely,

U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC)  
MANA, A National Latina Organization  
Justice for Migrant Women  
Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)  
Prensa Arizona  
American G. I. Forum of the United States (AGIF)  
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)  
SER, Jobs for Progress National Inc.  
Esperanza United  
U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)  
Farmworker Justice

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)  
Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP)  
Mi Familia Vota  
Voto Latino  
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives (NAHFE)  
Schneps Media  
NALEO Educational Fund  
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)  
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice (NLIRJ)  
National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA)  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)  
National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA)