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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Hector:

Thank you for your recommendation of Mr. James DeAnda. Legislation creating additional federal judgeships has been signed into law by the President.

Last year I set up committees and asked them to evaluate the several hundred attorneys who had indicated a desire to be considered for a federal judgeship. In addition, I asked diverse groups of interested citizens from outside the legal community for their recommendations. The committees reported their recommendations to me after an extensive examination of the background, qualifications, legal experience, and judicial temperament of all potential nominees. Accordingly, I have made my recommendations to the President based on these evaluations.

My recommendations were sent to the Federal Judiciary Committee of the State Bar of Texas, and they reported back that these individuals were qualified to serve as federal judges.

I am aware that you know first-hand the ability which Mr. DeAnda has displayed over the years, and I am sure he will be a fine judge.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen