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STATEMENT: Why Courts Matter - PA Coalition Praises Confirmation of Restrepo For 3rd Circuit Vacancy

PENNSYLVANIA – The Why Courts Matter - Pennsylvania coalition made the following statement regarding this evening’s confirmation of Judge L. Felipe Restrepo to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals:

“We applaud the long overdue confirmation of the well-qualified Judge L. Felipe Restrepo to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. After more than a year of unnecessary delays from Senator Pat Toomey and the GOP Senate leadership, Judge Restrepo will become the first Pennsylvania Hispanic Circuit Court Judge, and only the second Hispanic judge to sit on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals,” said Christine Stone, Co-Chair of the Why Courts Matter - PA coalition.

“Now that Judge Restrepo has been confirmed, Senator Toomey must put pressure on his Republican colleagues to address the six other federal court vacancies in Pennsylvania. As these judicial seats remain unfilled, Pennsylvanians suffer, as cases are delayed and judges are overworked. With nominees for four of these six vacancies, it should not be a difficult task for the Senate to do their job and fill these seats in 2016,” continued Stone.

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Why Courts Matter PA is a coalition of organizations and advocates who have come together to ensure that our federal courts work to the benefit of all Americans in keeping with the core constitutional values of liberty, equality and justice for all. WCM-PA supports an appointment and confirmation process that identifies and provides timely confirmation votes for well-qualified nominees for federal judgeships who are dedicated to fairness and impartiality. Learn more about WCM-PA [here](#).

