



October 22, 2021

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Confirm Myrna Pérez to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes that a healthy, functioning democracy where all people can participate freely and equitably is necessary to address climate change, protect our communities, and deliver environmental justice. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, detailing the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

We urge you to vote YES on the nomination of Myrna Pérez to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Her exemplary career in service of our democracy would make her a credit to the judiciary. She should be confirmed without delay.

Through her work as Director of Voting Rights & Elections at NYU Law's Brennan Center for Justice, Pérez has distinguished herself as one of the nation's foremost experts on the fundamental right to vote. She has litigated dozens of cases, including matters before the United States Supreme Court and federal appellate courts. She has taught law students at both NYU and Columbia, and is a former Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Election Law Committee.

Pérez is a graduate of Yale University, Harvard Kennedy School, and Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before law school, she served as a Presidential Management Fellow with the United States Government Accountability Office.

In addition to her exceptional professional qualifications, Pérez would bring much-needed diversity to the bench. Although nearly 20% of the people who live in its jurisdiction are Hispanic or Latino, the Second Circuit currently has only one Latino judge. If confirmed, Pérez would be the first and only Latina woman to serve on the Second Circuit since Justice Sotomayor's elevation to the Supreme Court over twelve years ago.

For all these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on Myrna Pérez's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. We will strongly consider including votes on this nomination in our next *Scorecard*. If you would like more information, please reach out to a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President