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I thank the Senate for confirming Sarah R. Saldaña as Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. As an experienced federal prosecutor and public servant, Sarah is committed to supporting those that enforce our laws, protect the homeland, and promote public safety.

As I've said before, good leadership starts with adding other good leaders to our team. Filling vacancies across the Department of Homeland Security has been a key priority of mine. Since my own confirmation a year ago this month, there have been eleven Senate-confirmed presidential appointments to senior-level positions within this Department. I urge the Senate to confirm the final pending nominee, Russell Deyo for Under Secretary of Management, as quickly as possible.

Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security

Sarah R. Saldaña is the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, a position she has held since 2011. She also serves as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee. Previously, Ms. Saldaña was the Deputy Criminal Chief for the Fraud and Public Corruption section of the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. From 1985 to 1999, she was an Attorney at Haynes and Boone, LLP and Baker Botts LLP. She clerked for Judge Harold Barefoot Sanders at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas from 1984 to 1985. From 1974 to 1981, she worked for several federal agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Saldaña received a B.A. from Texas A&I University and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University.

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