

**Testimony of State Representative Angel Arce in Support of Judge Carmen Espinosa  
February 1, 2013 10:30 a.m. Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut**

Good morning Co-Chairs Coleman, Fox and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Angel Arce, State Representative of the Connecticut General Assembly serving the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly District of Hartford, Connecticut. I am here today to speak in support of the Honorable Carmen Espinosa of Southington, Connecticut to be an Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Judge Carmen E. Espinosa is a judge on the Connecticut Appellate Court. As you all are very well aware, she was appointed in 2011 and her term expires in 2019. On January 7, 2013, Governor Dannel Malloy nominated Espinosa to serve on the Connecticut Supreme Court, but she needs your committee support and that of the Connecticut General Assembly later on this session to be confirmed.

For the record, Judge Espinosa received her undergraduate degree from Central Connecticut State College in 1971, her Master's Degree in Hispanic studies from Brown University in 1973, and her J.D. from George Washington University in 1976. After graduating from law school, Espinosa served as an FBI agent and later, a federal prosecutor. She was appointed to the New Britain District Superior Court in 1992 and served on it until joining the Connecticut Appellate Court in 2011.

Judge Carmen Espinosa as you can see from this amazing list of academic and career accomplishments is definitely an inspiration to many people in our community and according to Governor Malloy she is "among our state's most respected jurists."

It is within this context that I respectfully urge the members of this legislative committee to vote in the affirmative today with this nomination and help us celebrate in our community when she becomes Connecticut's first Hispanic Justice. I am ready now to respond to any questions you may have in regards to this testimony. Thank you.