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January 12, 2016

Senator Johnny Isakson
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Dear Senator Isakson,

I am following up on my letter of August 26 and your phone call to me this weekend concerning the nomination by President Obama of Judge Dax Lopez on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

As discussed during our call, I have never had the opportunity to be present in Judge Lopez's courtroom nor have I met him. Nevertheless, I remain committed in my opposition to his appointment because of the Judge's long history of support and assistance to the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and their opposition to the 287(g) program as well as voter ID requirements.

GALEO has consistently worked in opposition to the safety and security of Georgians. They declared that my actions in joining 287(g) were racist and even coined the term Wild West Warren to describe my partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. As you are aware, the United States Congress approved the 287(g) program.

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Having had a few days to reflect on our conversation, I am withdrawing my support of Judge Lopez's nomination moving forward to be heard by the full Judiciary Committee. It is my understanding that there is a long standing process which is intended to reserve the privilege of each state's Senator. This process allows you to qualify a federal judge nominee according to your standards before the candidate advances to a hearing.

Therefore it is my desire that you will exercise your authority and refuse a hearing for Judge Lopez.

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Sincerely,

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Senator Perdue,

The enclosed is a follow-up to my letter of August 26, 2015 concerning Judge Dax Lopez and based on a conversation I recently had with Senator Johnny Isakson.

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