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**Grassroots Online Campaign about Latino Supreme Court Nominee
Reaches Oval Office: www.DraftPrado.org**

WASHINGTON, July 12 -- After more than 15,000 Americans sent messages and made phone calls to the U.S. Senate and President Bush to consider Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edward Prado as a Supreme Court nominee, the DraftPrado.org online campaign today reached the Oval Office.

According to an Associated Press story filed today, Judge Prado was one of three names prominently discussed in a meeting of President Bush and the Senate leadership.

"Several officials familiar with the discussion said Judge Sonia Sotomayor of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Ed Prado of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, both of whom are Hispanic, were among the names mentioned as Bush met with key lawmakers from both parties to discuss the first high court vacancy in 11 years." (<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/12109837.htm>)

DraftPrado.org was created to promote Judge Prado as a highly qualified consensus nominee. In 2003, President George Bush nominated him for his current position on the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. Senate confirmed him 97-0.

"Nominated by Republicans and supported by Democrats, Judge Prado has earned bipartisan support as an extremely intelligent, moderate, fair-minded jurist in his twenty years on the federal bench," said Arkadi Gerney, executive director of DraftPrado.org.

The Court is the final guardian of our rights and liberties. That is why the process of filling a Supreme Court vacancy is so important -- for more information go to <http://www.draftprado.org>.

DraftPrado.org is an independent grassroots campaign sponsored by StartChange.org. This effort has no affiliation to Judge Edward Prado or anyone who works for him.