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The Honorable Robert Menendez  
Chair, Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Risch  
Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign  
Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Menendez and Ranking Member Risch,

We write to enthusiastically support the nomination of Professor Adriana Kugler as US executive director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and urge her swift confirmation.

Dr. Kugler is exceptionally well qualified for this position, given her senior government experience, highly regarded economic expertise, and prominence in statistical and economic communities. While her enviable CV speaks to these qualifications and other superior credentials, we highlight the breadth of entities for which she has served leadership positions—from chief economist at the Department of Labor to vice-provost at Georgetown University to chair of the American Statistical Association (ASA) Business and Economics Statistics Section (~700 members)—as testament to her expertise, leadership, and respect in her many circles.

Her high regard is also manifest in the diverse and substantial grant funding she has garnered, various editorial positions and review or advisory committees on which she has served, and the citations her publications have accrued. The multitude of keynote speeches, policy talks, and invited seminars for varied audiences around the world—as well as the extensive media and policy coverage—further establish Dr. Kugler as an outstanding candidate for US executive director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

We are proud to have Dr. Kugler as a member of the American Statistical Association and strongly support her nomination to the World Bank. We are confident she will serve with distinction and effective leadership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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