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I am honored to endorse Damon Martinez as our next Representative in Congress in the First Congressional District. In my 36 years with the New Mexico National Guard, I had the opportunity to meet many people of great courage, integrity, and patriotism. Damon ranks with the best of them. He is a person of great integrity and great love of country who has dedicated his life to public service.

When I first met Damon, I was impressed that following 9/11, he chose to enlist as a reservist to protect and defend our American values. Like so many reservists, he did this despite the fact that he had young children at home, and was just embarking on his career in the United States Attorney's office. Below is a video of Damon speaking about enlisting after 911.

His commitment to service, like that of so many soldiers transcends every aspect of his life: he serves his family, his community, his State, and his Nation. As an example of his dedication, in 2012, Damon was deployed to Sinai, Egypt, as part of the 1st Battalion of the 200th Infantry Regiment of the New Mexico National Guard in support of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. Service is in Damon's heart.

As the first female National Guard Brigadier General in New Mexico, I made preventing sexual assault and combatting drug abuse top priorities. I was glad to see that, as U.S. Attorney for New Mexico, these were also some of Damon's top priorities. He fought to ensure that victims of sexual assault were supported in their journey to survivors, and to reduce the chances that others would become victims.

In these uncertain times, our State and Nation need experienced, steadfast leaders who truly understand national defense policy and what service means. Damon is that leader and I ask you to join me in supporting him in his bid to represent us in Congress.

Thank you,

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