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Estimado Licenciado Camporreale Mundo:

It is an honor to provide this letter of reference for Dr. Carlos A. Andújar Rojas in support of his candidacy to be appointed the next President of the University of Puerto Rico. Dr. Andújar Rojas and I have worked together since 2018, when we began discussions about a partnership between UPR-Arecibo and Lehman College.

Together with our president at the time, Dr. José Luis Cruz, Dr. Andújar Rojas signed a Statement of Shared Interest between both institutions in 2019 that allowed formal discussions to begin. Dr. Andújar Rojas was also instrumental in negotiating a system-wide partnership between the UPR and CUNY (City University of New York). We were due to sign it in Puerto Rico when the pandemic paused all internationalization projects. Interest is high and we are hopeful that we will renew our efforts later this year. Our goal, as it was back then, is to have the chancellors of both systems present for a formal signing, and then to make the UPR and CUNY systems true partners in scholarship, research, and teaching.

Throughout my time working with Dr. Andújar Rojas, I have found him to be intellectually sophisticated, with an impressive knowledge of university operations, budgeting, and personnel. He also has sensitive ear to the politics of academia, understanding the constituents, whether they are faculty, students, staff, or the community at large. This is not an easy task in complicated systems like the UPR or the CUNY systems, but Dr. Andújar Rojas manages it with grace and courtesy. He is a generous scholar and an interested partner, supportive, creative, and willing to challenge the status quo. These are all, in my opinion, crucial qualities in a successful university leader.

I have no doubt that Dr. Andújar Rojas is the right leader at this challenging time for the UPR. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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