

## Letter of Support

September 9, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of Legislator Manuel Abarca IV in response to recent accusations.

The portrayal in the article does not reflect the leader or the person I know through my direct work with him.

Since my first day as his Legislative Aide, Legislator Abarca has treated me with patience, respect, and understanding. Like anyone new in a role, I have made mistakes, but each time he has guided me with encouragement and professionalism. His leadership style is firm and direct because he believes in accountability and asking the necessary tough questions. While some may interpret that as aggressive, I know it comes from passion for serving the people of Jackson County.

I have also witnessed his compassion firsthand. Earlier this year, after a legislative meeting, I received the devastating call that my father had gone into cardiac arrest. By the time I got to the hospital my dad had passed away. When I got that call, Legislator Abarca immediately dropped everything to drive me there and stayed until my family arrived. He has also been flexible and supportive during my own health challenges, consistently reminding me that family comes first.

Legislator Abarca works tirelessly, balancing multiple jobs while still prioritizing the needs of his community. Today, his team is made up entirely of women, myself included. As a mother raising a daughter, I would never choose to work for someone who I believed lacked integrity or respect for others.

In my experience, Legislator Abarca is a compassionate, principled, and inspiring leader. He is deeply committed to public service, and I stand firmly in support of his character and leadership.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Aide