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“LatinoJustice PRLDEF has a longstanding history of defending the human, constitutional and civil rights of Puerto Ricans living in Puerto Rico as well as the diaspora. Therefore, our organization cannot remain silent in the face of the abuse of power and lack of transparency of the Fiscal Oversight and Management Board (“Board”) by refusing to produce thousands of documents requested by the Center for Investigative Journalism (Centro de Periodismo Investigativo, “CPI”), based on the absurd argument that federal laws do not apply to it as a local entity and that Puerto Rico’s public records laws do not apply to it either because they are incompatible with the law that created it. The Board seeks to circumvent transparent and open democracy while operating under a cloak of secrecy and encroach on the right of Puerto Ricans to access public information and thus, to effectively oversee the government. LatinoJustice is pleased to join our probono co-counsel at Patterson Belknap in submitting this amicus “friend of the court” brief to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in proud support of CPI.” - Lia Fiol-Matta, Senior Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDE