

November 30, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman, Judiciary Committee  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Dale E. Ho to the Southern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The signing organizations are committed to serving and empowering Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and support the nomination of Dale Ho to United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Not only is Mr. Ho exceptionally qualified to serve, but he will also bring much-needed demographic and professional diversity to the federal bench.

We are proud of Mr. Ho's historic nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. While New York is home to over 1.8 million AAPIs,<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ho would be just the third Asian American judge ever to serve on the bench for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and only the sixth Asian American judge in history to serve on any of New York's federal district courts.

### **Dale Ho is Exceptionally Qualified to Serve on the Bench**

Mr. Ho is an exceptional attorney recognized by the legal and Asian American communities for his extraordinary accomplishments throughout his legal career. At Princeton University, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated *summa cum laude*, before attending Yale Law School. He went on to clerk for Judge Robert Smith of the New York State Court of Appeals and for Judge Barbara Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

After his clerkships, he worked as a litigator at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, where he worked on a broad array of civil law matters while maintaining an active pro bono practice.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.apiavote.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/New\\_York-2020.pdf](https://www.apiavote.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/New_York-2020.pdf)

Mr. Ho has since established himself as one of the nation's premier voting rights lawyers as a litigator at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and at the Americans for Civil Liberties Union Foundation. Throughout his extraordinary legal career, Mr. Ho has litigated numerous cases in federal courts at the trial and appellate levels, including arguing critical cases before the United States Supreme Court. His deep expertise in the law, with his extensive and varied litigation experience, make him exceptionally qualified to serve on the federal bench.

**We Ask for Swift Confirmation of Dale Ho**

Mr. Ho's outstanding qualifications make him an unmatched judicial nominee and we are confident that his unique in-depth expertise will add valuable insight to the federal bench. We offer our enthusiastic support for his nomination and respectfully ask the Senate to swiftly confirm Dale E. Ho to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. If you have any questions, please contact Da Hae Kim at [dkim@napawf.org](mailto:dkim@napawf.org), Bob Sakaniwa at [policy@apiavote.org](mailto:policy@apiavote.org), or Jiny Kim at [JinyKim@advancingjustice-aaajc.org](mailto:JinyKim@advancingjustice-aaajc.org).

Sincerely,

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women  
Japanese American Citizen's League  
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse  
National CAPACD  
National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)  
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Pacific Asian Counseling Services  
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women