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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Durbin:

On behalf of the Alliance for Justice (AFJ), a national association representing over 150 public interest and civil rights organizations, I write to strongly support the confirmation of Arun Subramanian to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Arun Subramanian's story is a testament to the American dream. A child of working-class immigrants who came to America in the 1970s, he graduated summa cum laude from Case Western Reserve University and then from Columbia Law School, where he was a James Kent Scholar and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. While in law school, he served as a judicial extern for Hon. Sidney H. Stein in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. After graduating, he went on to clerk for Hon. Dennis Jacobs on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Hon. Gerard E. Lynch on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and, most notably, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the United States Supreme Court.

An accomplished attorney, Mr. Subramanian joined Susman Godfrey LLP in 2007 and later became the firm's youngest partner at the age of 31. In his practice at Susman Godfrey, Mr. Subramanian has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in cases ranging from state and federal False Claims Acts to federal anti-sex trafficking claims. He specializes in complex civil litigation at both the trial and appellate level, which would serve him well as a federal judge. Notably, throughout his career in private law, Mr. Subramanian has also served the public and those in need. In 2021, he created his firm's first pro bono committee, of which he now serves as Chair. He has also spent hundreds of hours on pro bono work, including briefing and arguing appeals as court appointed counsel and representing indigent clients in litigation. For example, Mr. Subramanian was appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to represent a formerly pro se appellant who alleged that a forced body cavity and strip search conducted by corrections officers violated her constitutional rights under the 4th Amendment and the 8th Amendment.

Mr. Subramanian also serves the community and fosters the next generation on the Board of Directors for South Asian Youth Action (SAYA) Inc., a non-profit that provides opportunities and resources to underserved South Asian youth in New York City. Additionally, he is on the Board of Directors for the Fund for Modern

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Courts, Inc., a non-partisan group which advocates for an independent and equitable judiciary in New York. His impressive experience and dedication to the legal profession has not gone unnoticed. Last year, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts appointed Mr. Subramanian as a member of the Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules.

Mr. Subramanian has also been recognized by the legal community for his many accomplishments. For example, Mr. Subramanian has already been named a Litigation Star of 2023 by Benchmark Litigation and was named a Leading Litigator in Commercial Litigation by Chambers and Partners in 2020. He also received the Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Publico Award in 2018 and that same year the New York Law Journal named him a Rising Star.

Mr. Subramanian's vast experience, expertise on a wide range of complex litigation, and dedication to justice, make him an ideal federal judge. Further, his confirmation would make history. If confirmed, Mr. Subramanian would be the first judge of South Asian descent on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. For these reasons, I urge you to expeditiously confirm him to the Southern District of New York.

Sincerely,

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