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U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
c/o U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal
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Re: Letter in Support of the Nomination of **Sarala Nagala**
to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We, the undersigned advocates who work in the anti-trafficking arena in Connecticut, write in support of the nomination and confirmation of Sarala Nagala to fill a judicial vacancy in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Most of us know Ms. Nagala through her work as an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) for the District of Connecticut and Deputy Chief of the Major Crimes Unit. Many of us also know her through her participation as a member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Committee on Human Trafficking.

It has been our pleasure to work with Deputy Chief Nagala over the years to combat human trafficking in our state. In her work prosecuting human traffickers as an AUSA, she has always come to the table with an appreciation of disparate interests of the various stakeholders—from the accused to the victim, from law enforcement officials to anti-trafficking advocates. In her role as a federal prosecutor, Deputy Chief Nagala has displayed an understanding of the nuances of human trafficking cases.

Whenever we have worked with Deputy Chief Nagala, she has been professional, diplomatic, and respectful, but also responsive and collaborative. She has always been willing to come to the table to discuss and work through challenges that inevitably arise in the course of investigating and prosecuting complex trafficking cases. If she is appointed to the federal bench, we believe that Deputy Chief Nagala will be ethical, fair, and just, and will work to ensure the rights of all parties who come before her. We have every expectation that as a judge, Deputy Chief Nagala will continue to exhibit all of these excellent qualities, and that they will serve her well on the bench.

Sincerely,

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