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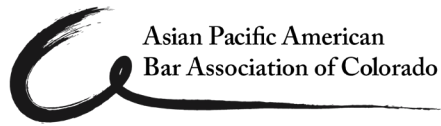
Re: Endorsement of Magistrate S. Kato Crews for United States District Court Judge for the District of Colorado

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We submit this letter on behalf of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado ("APABA") in support of **Magistrate Judge S. Kato Crews** for the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

As a Federal Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Magistrate Crews has proven he has the intellect, time management skills, and judicial temperament necessary to be an effective judge. He deftly handles a full docket and is well respected by his colleagues and the parties that appear before him. When parties consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), he presides over full trials as he would as an Article III judge, which demonstrates his ability to "hit the ground running" and make an immediate impact. Those who encounter Magistrate Crews, ranging from a judicial officer of Colorado's highest court to a juror in a week-long trial he presided over, rave about his incredible work ethic, judicial temperament, and impeccable character.

As the first African American Federal Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado, Magistrate Crews impressed upon our committee members his "obligation" to be seen as a positive role model for all community members. Having been born and raised in Colorado, Magistrate Crews demonstrates a deep connection to the community, and his influence is extensive. He founded the Federal Limited Appearance Program to connect volunteer attorneys with



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pro se litigants thus ensuring all community members, regardless of their background, have an equal voice in the courts. He has partnered with local universities and law schools to increase access and opportunity to students from historically marginalized backgrounds and underrepresented groups in the legal profession. He also started a quarterly program connecting diverse law students to local diverse legal professionals with the intent towards welcoming the students into the legal profession.

APABA is pleased to endorse Magistrate Judge S. Kato Crews for the United States District Court Judge position. He has demonstrated he has the experience, writing skills, temperament, and character for this position, and his background provides him with well-rounded experience to serve as an asset to the District of Colorado.

Sincerely,

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