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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Confirmation of United States District Court Judge Nominee Pamela K. Chen

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

As the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), I am writing to support the nomination of Pamela K. Chen to become a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York.

For many years, Ms. Chen has worked closely with HSI in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking and immigration cases. She is recognized for her expertise in the prosecution of human trafficking cases, and is the go-to prosecutor for HSI in this area. Ms. Chen is well known within my agency for her intellect, legal skills, tenacity, integrity and diplomacy. As recently noted by United States Attorney Loretta E. Lynch, Ms. Chen is "the complete package." (Reuters, Brooklyn Prosecutor Recommended For Federal Bench, August 2, 2012.)

I believe that Ms. Chen's intelligence, temperament and experience make her an excellent choice for the bench, and I recommend that she be confirmed as a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York.

Respectfully,


James T. Hayes, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge
HSI New York