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January 17, 2012

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Senate Dirksen Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for John Z. Lee

Dear Senator Leahy:

Asian American Institute (AAI) enthusiastically recommends John Z. Lee for a judgeship with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. As a litigation partner at the law firm of Freeborn & Peters LLP, Mr. Lee has demonstrated his vast legal knowledge and ability. Mr. Lee is a top notch writer and speaker. His professional experience and public service activities demonstrate his fair temperament and commitment to the community.

Mr. Lee has actively contributed to the vitality of the Asian American community and the public at large. As the President of Asian Human Services, he leads a nationally accredited, Medicaid-certified social service agency that serves Chicago's Asian immigrant communities. He is also the President of Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS), one of Cook County's primary legal aid providers, which has assisted hundreds of thousands of clients. Mr. Lee also serves on the board of Asian American Bar Association of Chicago and volunteers for various other community organizations. Additionally, through his role on his law firm's Professional Review and Recruiting Committees, Mr. Lee serves as an important link between minority and women attorneys and other attorneys, because he is adept at communicating with all groups.

AAI is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering the pan-Asian community in Illinois through advocacy, research, education, and coalition-building. AAI is a member of the national Asian American Center for Advancing Justice. AAI diligently works to raise the visibility of the Asian American community and spotlight its concerns so that elected officials, policy makers, and other public servants will be responsive to these issues.

AAI strongly encourages the appointment of qualified individuals to the judiciary who are sensitive to the needs of Asian Americans. Mr. Lee is not only sensitive to the needs of this community, but also to the needs of all people. Mr. Lee has shown a strong responsible mindset throughout his career and has been an example of ethical professionalism and would therefore excel as a judge. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Chu
President

Tuyet Le
Executive Director

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