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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: The Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen,
Nominee for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write in support of the confirmation of Judge Jacqueline H. Nguyen for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. I have known Judge Nguyen for over 10 years and our professional careers have crossed over the years. Based on my personal knowledge of her experience, dedication and demeanor, I can say that she would make an excellent federal appellate court judge.

Judge Nguyen and I have worked for the same offices on several occasions, though not always at the same time. Judge Nguyen served as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge from 2002 to 2007, whereas I served from 2000 to 2002 (and before that I served as a Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge). Judge Nguyen served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Los Angeles from 1996 to 2002. I served in that office both prior to her arrival and after her appointment as a judge (at which time I re-joined the office as the United State Attorney in 2002). Her reputation among our colleagues is tremendous. She was known for her strong work ethic, unfailing integrity, and fair approach to matters.

I also know Judge Nguyen from our common interest in the Asian Pacific American legal community. She has served on the boards of the Asian Pacific American Bar

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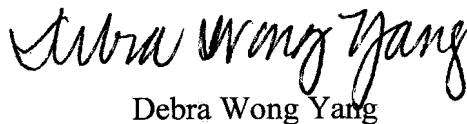
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Association of Los Angeles and the Japanese American Bar Association of Los Angeles. I have served, meanwhile, on the board of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association and was a founding member and officer of the Asian American Bar Association of Chicago. Thus, I can also testify to her dedication to community service.

In everything that she has done, Judge Nguyen has provided excellent leadership, sound intellect, and balanced and even temperament. She has dedicated most of her professional life to ensuring the fairness of the justice system. I have seen Judge Nguyen's qualities personally and support her current nomination without hesitation.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support Judge Nguyen and urge the Senate to confirm her promptly. Thank you very much for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra Wong Yang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" and last name "Yang" being more prominent than the middle name "Wong".

Debra Wong Yang

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