

December 17, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy – Chairman
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley – Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Letter of Recommendation for Judicial Nominee, Mr. Theodore Chuang

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

The work of the Judiciary Committee is vital to ensure that nominees to our Federal Courts have exceptional professional experience as well as superior integrity and judicial temperament.

Recognizing that the best of the best should be considered for appointment as Federal Judges, it is with great pleasure and confidence that I offer my recommendation and support for Mr. Theodore Chuang, the President's nominee for the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

Theodore Chuang is an exceptional nominee who has demonstrated throughout his life and career a devotion to fairness and justice, an extraordinary knowledge and respect for the law, an inquisitive mind and a temperament that will serve the people of Maryland and our Nation well.

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing Theo Chuang for over 12 years. I first met Theo when I was appointed United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts in September, 2001. Theo was an assistant with an already impressive reputation. Theo's experiences at the United States Attorney's Office included all phases of criminal prosecution; grand jury and other investigations, evidentiary hearings, jury trials, plea hearings, sentencing proceeding, and appeals relating to the wide variety of matters that the United States Attorney's office is privileged to handle on behalf of the United States. Theo has all the important technical and legal knowledge and experiences that are the foundation of those judges, that are viewed as most successful and are most respected. Theo's experiences, however, go well beyond his technical skills and knowledge. He is a good and decent person.

Because of what he has done and how he has served, Theo has rightfully earned an exceptional reputation and is known for working well with all within our justice system, including investigators, colleagues, defense attorneys, the Court, victims and witnesses. Theo is always respectful, always conscientious and always open minded in his pursuit of fairness and justice.

As you know, much responsibility and authority rests in the hands and judgment of those privileged to serve as assistant United States Attorneys. Theo always understood and demonstrated extraordinary judgment as he exercised his responsibility and authority as an assistant United States Attorney. He has a key sense of fairness in the pursuit of justice. Those qualities will serve him well as a District Court Judge.

Your Committee has a very important role to insure that nominees possess experiences, judgment and temperament to effectively carry out the enormous responsibilities of serving as an Article III Judge. Theo is extremely bright. His professional and life experiences will serve him well on the Court. I am confident your Committee will be as impressed with Nominee Chuang as others have, who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Theo throughout his career.

I would be honored to provide any additional information for the Committee as they conduct the important work in considering the nomination of Mr. Theodore Chuang.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Sullivan", is centered on the page.

Michael J. Sullivan