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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley,

On behalf of the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA), I write to express NASABA's enthusiastic support for the appointment of Srikanth "Sri" Srinivasan to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. NASABA, an umbrella organization with twenty-five regional South Asian Bar Associations throughout the United States and Canada, represents a large and rapidly growing South Asian legal community of over six thousand (6,000) attorneys and law students. The organization focuses on issues relating to the protection of the rights and liberties of the South Asian Community and on the advancement and development of our members in the legal profession.

Mr. Srinivasan is eminently qualified to serve on the D.C. Court of Appeals given his long record of exemplary public service and trial advocacy. He is one of the leading appellate advocates in the nation and will soon argue his twenty-fifth case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. He has served in both the Bush and Obama administrations in the Solicitor General's office of the U.S. Department of Justice and currently serves as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General. While in the Solicitor General's office, Mr. Srinivasan won both an Award for Excellence from the Department of Defense and the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering U.S. National Security. He is a former Law Clerk for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court as well as the Hon. J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Srinivasan's outstanding record of public service also extends to his work with bar associations and in academia. He served on the Board of Directors of the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and was a member of NASABA's National Advisory Council. He has also served as a Lecturer at Harvard Law School's Appellate and Supreme Court Practice Clinic.

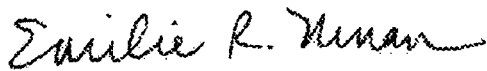
NASABA urges you to confirm Mr. Srinivasan for this seat on the Court of Appeals. His public service under Republican and Democratic administrations has earned him the recognition

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of the Attorney General, the Department of Defense and his colleagues in the legal community. Of note, Mr. Srinivasan's confirmation would set two separate milestones in promoting the diversity of the federal bench. He is the first South Asian American nominated to a seat on a federal circuit court and would be the first Asian Pacific American judge to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. No one is more deserving of this distinction than Mr. Srinivasan. His story embodies the American Dream and his confirmation would continue the tradition of selecting only the best and brightest to the bench.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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