

September 17, 2012

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:

We write in support of the nomination of Pamela K. Chen to become a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York. We have worked with Ms. Chen during her 14-year tenure as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York.

Ms. Chen is a tenacious prosecutor, who has dedicated her career to public service. At the United States Attorney's Office, she has prosecuted a vast array of cases that has included terrorism, gang violence, narcotics trafficking, immigration crimes and civil rights violations. As a member of the Violent Criminal Enterprises Section, Ms. Chen prosecuted numerous gang cases involving murders, shootings, assaults and other violence, as well as one of the earliest post-9/11 terrorism cases. Ms. Chen has also established a reputation as an expert in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases, and has led the prosecution of groundbreaking cases in this area. Ms. Chen is respected by her peers, both colleagues and adversaries, not only for her intelligence and legal skills, but for her integrity, sense of fairness and genial personality.

We believe that Ms. Chen's intelligence, temperament and experience make her an excellent

choice for the bench, and we urge you to confirm her nomination for the United States District Court in the Eastern District of New York.

Respectfully,

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