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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Nicholas Ganjei to the United States District Judge, District of Texas

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

I write to attest to the abilities, qualifications and professionalism of Nicholas J. Ganjei, who has been nominated for the position of United States District Judge, Southern District of Texas. I first met Mr. Ganjei in approximately January 2010 when I represented a federal criminal defendant in United States District Court, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Ganjei was the assigned Assistant United States Attorney. Over the next few years, I represented numerous criminal defendants in cases that were prosecuted by AUSA Ganjei, from which I have formed a comprehensive evaluation of his advocacy skills and prosecutorial demeanor.

During his time in the US Attorney's Office, Nicholas Ganjei consistently impressed me and members of the bench and bar throughout the district as an intelligent, fair, dedicated and focused professional. I believe that he is clearly well-suited to meet the rigorous challenges of serving as a United States District Judge.

As a federal prosecutor, Nicholas proved himself to be an organized, disciplined and highly-motivated attorney. He prosecuted a wide variety of cases, from complex criminal drug enterprises to sophisticated white-collar defendants and each undertaking was marked by superior skill, methodical analysis and an unwavering commitment to the cause of justice. His tenure as United States Attorney will serve him well as a District Judge, managing a heavy caseload and having a vast expertise in all criminal proceedings.

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AUSA Ganjei strived to ensure the safety of victims and communities, all while steadfastly respecting the rights of subjects, targets and defendants. In one particular multi-defendant case which originated in another district, I represented an innocent defendant who was indicted based on false information provided by codefendants and witnesses. With the assistance of a private investigator, I was able to gather exculpatory evidence. We presented this evidence to AUSA Ganjei, who listened and evaluated the evidence before thoroughly questioning the defendant. AUSA Ganjei then rigorously challenged the investigating DEA Special Agents to reexamine all the facts and to follow-up on the leads we provided. After concluding that my client was actually innocent, AUSA Ganjei quickly sought and obtained approval to dismiss the charges. Throughout this matter, AUSA Ganjei conducted himself in the most professional manner, with the sole goal of searching for the truth and “getting it right.” I can say with a high degree of certainty that many other prosecutors would not have been willing to reconsider charging decisions and to be so honestly receptive to claims of actual innocence.

As a former Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and having served in a Senior Executive Service position for the Department of Homeland Security, I have worked alongside many talented attorneys and department heads. Nicholas Ganjei is equally suited; he possesses exception legal writing skills and a courtroom command and presence that reflects his superior intellect, dedication and legal acumen.

With Nicholas Ganjei as a United States District Judge you could be sure that all parties and attorneys who appear before him will receive a full opportunity to present their cases and will receive well-reasoned, legally-supported decisions. In conclusion, because Nicholas Ganjei is a highly-intelligent, thoughtful, well-balanced and committed public servant, I believe he would be a valuable addition to the federal bench.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Baker, Esq.