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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
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Re: Letter of Support for the Honorable Anne Hwang, Nominee for the United States District Court for the Central District of California

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee, Chairman Durbin, and Senator Grassley,

I am pleased to write this letter in my capacity as the President of the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California ("KABA SoCal") in support of the Honorable Anne Hwang, who has been nominated by President Joseph R. Biden to serve as a federal judge in the Central District of California. KABA SoCal is a key voice for Korean American lawyers as well as the Korean American community and is the largest Korean legal organization outside of Korea. We are proud to represent the Korean American legal community in the greater Southern California region.

The nomination of Judge Hwang is of great significance to the Korean American legal community. With over 200,000 residents of Korean descent, Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of Koreans in America. According to the American Community Survey's "Demographic and Housing Estimates" of 2022, more than 330,000 people of Korean heritage reside in the Central District of California, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara counties.¹ Despite these statistics, the Central District of California has never had a Korean American serve as a federal district judge. If Judge Hwang is confirmed, she would be the first Korean American to have this honor.

¹ See United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey Data - Demographic and Housing Estimates, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data.html/>.

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The prospect of having representation on the federal district court of the Central District of California is extremely meaningful to the Korean American legal community. Judge Hwang is imminently qualified to serve in this role. Her career as both a Superior Court judge and a litigator practicing in the United States District Court make her highly qualified and an exceptional candidate to serve as a United States District Judge. Given her exemplary qualifications, the Senate should swiftly confirm Judge Anne Hwang to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. You".

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