

July 24, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Eric Tung as Circuit Judge,  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in strong support of Eric Tung's confirmation for a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

All of us worked alongside Eric at the United States Supreme Court during the October 2012 Term. While clerking, we observed Eric's meticulous legal skills, his diligence, and his exceptional character. Eric's achievements since then, in both private practice and government service, are extensive, but not unexpected. He displayed the same talents and integrity during our year together that have led to his professional success.

We are a diverse group with differing views on politics, law, and the myriad issues that come before the Ninth Circuit. And as clerks at the Supreme Court, we worked on—and disagreed over—some of the most contentious legal issues facing our country. Despite those differences, we share a common respect for Eric and confidence in his abilities. It is our view that, if confirmed, Eric would bring the same skills and temperament to the bench, treating colleagues and counsel alike with humility and respect. We support Eric's speedy confirmation without reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

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