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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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Re: Eric Tung

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate:

We are partners at the law firm Jones Day. It is with great pleasure that we deliver this letter, which expresses our enthusiastic support for the United States Senate's confirmation of our partner, Eric Tung, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Jones Day ranks among the most accomplished law firms in the world, and has more than 2,400 lawyers in 40 offices across five continents. Our current and former partners have served the United States in various capacities, in each branch of the government, in Democratic and Republican Administrations, for more than 100 years. Many of our country's most esteemed jurists had their start at Jones Day. Among others, Justice Antonin Scalia was an associate at Jones Day, former partner Gregory Katsas now sits on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and former partners Jeffrey Sutton and Chad Readler now sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. We are proud of the contributions that our colleagues have made in service of this nation. We are confident that Eric will continue this proud tradition.

Eric has had a sterling legal career with significant stints in public service. After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School with high honors, Eric's first job was as a clerk for then-Judge Gorsuch on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Eric subsequently earned a prestigious Bristow Fellowship in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice and then a clerkship with Justice Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States. Eric later continued to serve the public as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California and then in the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy, where he received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in assisting with the confirmation process of his former boss, then-Judge Gorsuch. Upon leaving the Department of Justice, Eric returned to the Supreme Court again—this time, to serve as a law clerk to Justice Gorsuch during his first full Term on the Court.

After completing his second Supreme Court clerkship, Eric joined Jones Day in 2019 in the Los Angeles office. Eric quickly established a reputation for elegant and clear legal writing;

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indeed, he was often called upon to teach legal writing to summer associates, new lawyers, and lawyers in the Los Angeles legal community. He also impressed with his cogent analyses of complex legal issues, diving into and mastering legal issues in fields as diverse as employment law, healthcare, insurance recovery, trade secrets, telecommunications, energy, banking, real estate, construction, entertainment, and digital currencies. He routinely worked to craft sophisticated arguments in high-profile, high-stakes, and high-pressure litigation. And he demonstrated stellar oral advocacy skills for Firm clients in both district and appellate courts—including the Court that he has been nominated to join.

Eric also brought the same energy and skills to representing pro bono clients, including in the Ninth Circuit and Florida Supreme Court. Based on his accomplishments and reputation in the community, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court appointed Eric to serve on the Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee—a special committee consisting of appellate court justices from each of the six appellate districts in the State, two appellate project directors, one criminal appellate practitioner, and one civil appellate practitioner (Eric)—to oversee the court-appointed appellate counsel program in California.

Eric is not only a talented lawyer, but a remarkable human being. Eric is well-known around the Firm for his calm and even-keeled demeanor and his ability to get along with anyone. He is respectful to everyone he encounters and living proof that while lawyers may disagree with each other for a living, they can do so without being disagreeable. He always makes time for anyone seeking help, advice, or a sounding board—from the most senior partner to the most junior paralegal. He is a person of unquestioned integrity. And he spends a significant amount of time mentoring the next generation of Firm lawyers. Maybe best of all, Eric is quick to share a laugh with his colleagues, making him a delight to work with even in the most demanding situations. Eric is also a family man, utterly devoted to his wife, Emily, and their son, Thomas.

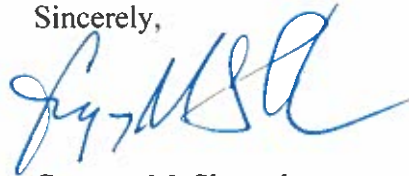
We believe that Eric's qualities and experience have prepared him well to serve as a federal circuit court judge. Eric has the legal training to handle the most complicated appeals on the most challenging timelines. He has the analytical skills to ensure that every case will be decided with the utmost rigor and skill. He has the writing ability to explain to represented and unrepresented parties alike why he reached a particular result. He has the interpersonal abilities to make every litigant who comes before him feel heard. And he has a natural judicial temperament: cool under pressure and exhibiting patience and understanding to all involved. We are confident that Eric will hit the ground running as a circuit court judge—and that he will one day be recognized as among the finest jurists on the bench.

In sum, the qualities that Eric has exhibited during his tenure at Jones Day have earned him the respect of everyone he has encountered—from liberal Democrats to conservative Republicans. The scope of that sentiment is demonstrated by the many signatories to this letter, who span a

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broad range of political opinions and professional backgrounds. We respectfully urge you to advance Eric's nomination to the full Senate and confirm him to the bench swiftly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg M. Shumaker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory M. Shumaker

cc: Attachments

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