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Senator Dick Durbin  
United States Senate  
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Senator Chuck Grassley  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Dale Ho to serve a District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

I am a co-chair of the Supreme Court and appellate practice at McDermott Will & Emery LLP in Washington, D.C. and a co-director of the Yale Law School Supreme Court Clinic in New Haven, Connecticut. As a federal litigator, I routinely find myself in federal court—in the Supreme Court, the federal courts of appeals, and the district courts, in nearly equal measure. I have appeared before dozens of judges and justices, and I do not hesitate to say that, if he is confirmed, Mr. Ho would be among the most thoughtful, fair, and level-headed of any of them.

I have seen Mr. Ho in action through our mutual work on voting rights issues. From 2017 through 2019, I litigated a partisan gerrymandering case on behalf of five registered Republican voters challenging Maryland's 2011 congressional districting map. Maryland lawmakers set out to “flip” the state's sixth congressional district, manipulating electoral outcomes by jiggering district lines. Mr. Ho's amicus engagement in the case, and his support of our plaintiffs, reflected a genuine concern for the rule of law, without regard for the politics of our plaintiffs. That sort of evenhandedness and impartiality—a principal focus on what the law demands regardless of the identity, position, or politics of the parties—is just the kind of perspective that makes for a great judge.

I am wholly confident that Mr. Ho has the temperament and fair-mindedness needed to assume the serious responsibility of a federal judge. I urge his advancement and confirmation without delay.

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