



November 24, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Dale E. Ho for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association extend its strong support for Dale E. Ho to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. If confirmed, Mr. Ho would be the second active Asian American to serve on that court, in a city where the Asian population is the fastest growing racial group and represents 16 percent of the population.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 60,000 attorneys and over 90 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government.

Mr. Ho's professional experience demonstrates a strong commitment to public service and excellence. He currently serves as director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Project and supervises the organization's voting rights litigation across the country. A child of immigrants from the Philippines, he has argued two crucial cases before the Supreme Court challenging the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census and the exclusion of undocumented immigrants from the population count to determine apportionment for the House of Representatives. Mr. Ho also served as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, where he litigated voting rights cases and other civil rights matters in federal and state courts.

Active in the Asian American community, Mr. Ho was the 2019 recipient of the NAPABA President's Award and in 2017, he was named one of the best Asian American Lawyers Under 40 by NAPABA. He is endorsed by NAPABA's affiliate the Asian American Bar Association of New York.

Mr. Ho clerked for the Hon. Barbara Jones on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and Judge Robert S. Smith of the New York Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.

Mr. Ho is eminently qualified and would make tremendous contributions to the administration of justice in the federal courts, as well as to the communities served by our judicial system. NAPABA proudly supports Dale E. Ho's nomination and urge the Senate for swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director