



# Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office

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Senator Richard Durbin, Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Charles Grassley, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Lauren J. King for U.S. District Court Judge

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians strongly supports President Joseph Biden's nomination of Lauren J. King to serve as U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington. As a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, Ms. King would become the first Native federal judge in Washington State, and the third sitting Native judge in the nation.

Ms. King is highly qualified for a federal judgeship. She is experienced in complex litigation over the past 14 years. She is top rated by her peers and clients for her practice of commercial and IP transactions, intellectual & property litigation, IP & technology, sports arts & entertainment, and native american law. She served as a pro tem appellate judge for the Northwest Intertribal Court System since 2013 where she heard appeals, including commercial disputes, employment matters, and sovereign immunity. Ms. King is admitted to the bar for Washington State (2008), US District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2020), First Circuit Court of Appeals (2017), Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2019), US District Court for the Western District of Washington (2009), and the US Supreme Court (2018).

Ms. King's knowledge and experience are vitally important for the federal judiciary. We hope that the Judiciary Committee will move swiftly to confirm Ms. King. Please direct any questions to the Tribe's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Will Micklin, by mobile phone at (619) 368-4382 or email at [ceo@ebki-nsn.gov](mailto:ceo@ebki-nsn.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Pinto, Sr.  
Tribal Chairman  
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians