



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

September 28, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Judge Lucy Koh to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Senator Grassley:

More than twelve years ago, I appointed Judge Lucy Koh to be a Superior Court Judge for California's Santa Clara County, the heart of Silicon Valley. I then watched with pride as she excelled in all aspects of her duties and was later confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate as a U.S. District Court judge in 2010.

I chose Judge Koh initially based on her many achievements as a federal prosecutor, an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, and a litigator in two major law firms. Based on her distinguished service as a state judge, I wrote a letter of endorsement when she was nominated for the federal bench, concluding that she "exemplifies the very best of the legal profession and will be an excellent federal judge" (January 29, 2010). I also noted the breadth and diversity of her support within the legal community in California and nationally.

I wouldn't alter a word of that endorsement now, but I am pleased to add that Judge Koh has since compiled a record in federal criminal and civil matters that is second to none, including some of the most complex civil cases that the information technology industry has produced. I remain a proud supporter of Judge Koh, and I could not be more enthusiastic in my support of her confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger