



December 12, 2022

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Indian American Impact Project, the nation's leading civic organization for Indian Americans and South Asians, is proud to enthusiastically support Arun Subramanian for confirmation to a federal judgeship for the Southern District of New York. If confirmed, Mr. Subramanian would be the first attorney of South Asian descent to sit on the Southern District of New York, which would be a momentous occasion for Indian Americans and South Asians nationwide.

A seasoned trial and appellate lawyer, Mr. Subramanian has clerked at every level of the federal judiciary, including for the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Recently, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Mr. Subramanian has spent more than a decade representing both plaintiffs and defendants in numerous civil cases, and a true public servant, Mr. Subramanian has for years engaged in pro bono work supporting those in need of quality legal representation.

We want to emphasize what Mr. Subramanian nomination would signal to South Asians, Asian Americans, and all communities of color. A son of immigrants, Mr. Subramanian would be the first South Asian judge appointed to this court. New York is home to millions of South Asian and Asian Americans, and it is critical for our communities to see judges like Mr. Subramanian—whose stories reflect their own—appointed to the federal courts. For far too long, Asian American judges have been underrepresented in the federal judiciary with just 29 of 677 Article III district judges being of AAPI descent (APABA). Mr. Subramanian's appointment would send a powerful message to the public.



For his exemplary qualifications, trailblazing career, and the signal it would send to communities of color, the Indian American Impact Project is proud to give its unequivocal support to Mr. Arun Subramanian for a federal judgeship on the Southern District of New York.

Sincerely,

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Neil Makhija
Executive Director
Indian American Impact Project

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Deepak Raj
Co-Founder
Indian American Impact Project

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Raj Goyle
Co-Founder
Indian American Impact Project