



July 7, 2022

Hon. Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Roopali H. Desai to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are leaders of three groups that represent tens of thousands of fire fighters and paramedics in Arizona and across the western United States. On behalf of our members, we write today to express our strong support for Roopali H. Desai's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

As you know, fire fighters and paramedics play a critical role in protecting and preserving public safety. Ensuring that these public safety officers are well-equipped, well-trained, and appropriately compensated is an important part of what we do. And when fire fighters and paramedics in Arizona have needed an advocate, they have turned to Roopali for help for more than a decade. With her assistance, our members' working conditions have improved, our organizations have become more effective representatives for our members, and public safety outcomes have improved. To achieve all this, we have trusted her to speak on our behalf with legislators and representatives of local government from all different political backgrounds. She has always been an effective communicator across party lines, which is important to us because fire fighters and paramedics serve the entire community.

We know that Roopali is a gifted attorney and an extremely hard worker, and she has represented our interests with honor and integrity. We are confident that she will be an excellent judge who will respect the rule of law.

As our members know well, public service is a calling. We know Roopali will serve our country with honor. We wholeheartedly support her nomination and urge the Senate to confirm her.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen A. Gilman
10th District Vice President
International Association of Fire Fighters

/s/ Bryan Jeffries
President
Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona

/s/ Bryan Willingham
President
United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association,
Local 493

cc: Sen. Kyrsten Sinema
Sen. Mark Kelly