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The Honorable Dick J. Durbin  
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*Sent via email to Ravi Doshi, Counsel  
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
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Re: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of the Honorable Trina Thompson, Nominee for the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I enthusiastically submit this letter of support for the confirmation of the Honorable Trina Thompson, Nominee for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Judge Thompson is exceptionally well-qualified, possessing qualities and attributes of remarkable or extraordinary superiority that will enable her to perform with distinction the duties of a U.S. District Court Judge.

I write this letter with the pleasure of knowing Judge Thompson for about ten years. I am a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles, the elected 89<sup>th</sup> President of the California Judges Association, the country's largest judicial association with nearly 2300 members, Governor Gavin Newsom's appointed Chair of the Executive Committee of the California Judicial Mentor Program, a collaboration of the Judicial and Executive Branches, founding Chair of the California Latino Judges Association's Judicial Applicant Support Committee, and the elected Co-chair of the Judicial Branch's Statewide Bench-Bar Coalition. In these various roles I have worked with the very best judges in California. Judge Thompson is, appropriately, in those ranks.

Judge Thompson is a nationally recognized jurist and judicial educator who understands that public confidence in judicial institutions is necessary to preserve the rule of law as a cornerstone of our democracy. She possesses intelligence and intellectual curiosity, is prepared to engage with the law and facts to reach a well-reasoned decision and is open to learning new areas of the law as evidenced by her judicial career at the Alameda County Superior Court and her experience as a sole practitioner and

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attorney in the public sector, handling a broad range of cases. She truly has an intellectual prowess that is well suited for the federal bench.

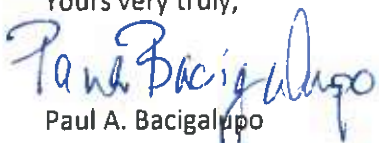
Judge Thompson exercises patience, dignity, impartiality, accountability, fairness, and honesty in decision-making. She recognizes the need to be prepared, listen carefully to all sides, and write and speak with clarity. Judge Thompson practices these skills because she is mindful, has composure and is not prone to anger, is collegial and values and maintains civility even in difficult circumstances and under pressure.

Judge Thompson possesses courage and integrity, is pragmatic and has common sense, avoids impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, is hardworking, thorough, punctual, and industrious. The depth of Judge Thompson's career also demonstrates a desire to give back, mentor others, participate in community outreach and actively participate in the leadership of judicial associations, boards, and committees, all while raising her children.

Over time each judge will learn the legal rules, the relevant statutes and cases, as well as the rules of judicial ethics, but the attribute that really stands out for Judge Thompson is her humility. She does not promote herself or her personal interests. She recognizes that she is a guardian of a system of justice that is the gold standard for the world. Judge Trina Thompson will be an exemplary U.S. District Court Judge and without any hesitation I offer my support for her nomination.

Should you like further input or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,



Paul A. Bacigalupo

Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court