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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 200,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I am writing with enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Dale Ho to the Southern District of New York. NCJW has worked for decades for a fair and independent federal judiciary and for fair-minded and diverse judges. We know that such judges are essential to protecting our democratic and constitutional rights, including equal justice, civil rights, voting rights, and reproductive justice.

Dale Ho has dedicated his whole career to ensuring a strong democracy that protects every citizen's freedom to vote. His record shows that he has worked to protect the rights of everyone, no matter their race or background.

If confirmed, Dale Ho would be only the third Asian American judge ever to serve on the Southern District for New York and the sixth Asian American judge ever to serve on any of New York's federal district courts. He would also be the second Asian American judge seated on the nation's largest and busiest federal district court, which covers areas of the state with the highest concentrations of AAPI communities in America. Diversity on our federal courts matters. Reflecting the communities one serves and bringing varied perspectives to the federal bench allows judges to make better informed decisions and helps increase public confidence in their rulings. At a time when there is increased scrutiny of our federal courts, building a more inclusive federal judiciary — with nominees like Dale Ho — is a key area of focus for NCJW's courts matter advocates around the country.

Dale Ho is extraordinarily qualified with impressive and extensive experience as a litigator and a legal academic, including arguing before the US Supreme Court. His lived experiences, track record defending our democracy, and deep commitment to equal justice make him uniquely qualified to serve on the District Court for the Southern District of New York. He is exactly who we need on our federal courts.

NCJW urges you to expeditiously act to confirm Dale Ho. He will be a fair-minded and powerful supporter of the rights of all people, moving us closer to ensuring equal justice for all.

Sincerely,

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