



Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association

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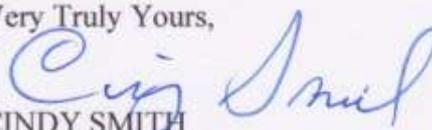
Senate Judiciary Chairman Dick Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association is writing this letter in support of Lauren King's nomination as a federal judge in the Western District of Washington. Appellate Justice King, a Muscogee Nation tribal member, has served on our Board since 2015 and is now our current Secretary. Justice King does not know that we are sending this letter on her behalf, and was not included in the discussion and decision of the Board to submit this letter of recommendation. She is highly intelligent, dependable, a hard-worker and detail-oriented, and the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association strongly advocates for her appointment.

Justice King has valuable experience in federal law having served as an appellate tribal court justice since 2013 for various tribes. Tribal courts deal with a broad variety of subject matters including issues regarding federal law, and our appellate courts are often the court of last resort for litigants. She also has extensive federal court experience as a litigator at her firm, having litigated complex cases in various jurisdictions on a broad range of subject matters. In addition to her federal district and circuit court litigation experience, she has been counsel of record and has submitted briefs to the Supreme Court of the United States. Lauren King is absolutely qualified for this federal judicial position as she is not only a skilled litigator and drafter, but also a pleasant person to work with.

In short, we are proud to support Justice King's nomination to serve as a federal judge. We are honored that a well-respected tribal court judicial officer and member of NWTCA is being considered for this position in the Western District of Washington, where we have many local tribes and issues of great importance to the Native American community at large. Lauren King is an excellent choice for this position and would be an excellent addition to the bench. Thank you for allowing us to submit this letter of recommendation for Lauren King's confirmation.

Very Truly Yours,


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