

February 24, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman, Judiciary Committee U.S. Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee U.S. Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write on behalf of South Asians for America (SAFA), an organization dedicated to educating, supporting, and encouraging South Asians to engage in public service and with their public servants.

It is with this mission in mind that we write in strong support of Ms. Nusrat Choudhury for the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Choudhury is an outstanding lawyer and an established and respected advocate nationally.

Throughout her career, Ms. Choudhury has been a model for public service. She has had a distinguished career at the ACLU of Illinois and the national ACLU, where she has been recognized for her integrity, exemplary legal skills, balance and fairness.

We would be remiss if we did not highlight the historic nature of her nomination, recognizing that she would be the first Bangladeshi American and first Muslim woman to serve on the federal bench and only the second Muslim American.

We have also had the opportunity to meet Ms. Choudhury and can personally attest to her judicious nature and temperament. Her handling of numerous matters during her career speak to her impartiality and regard for justice.

We are pleased to convey our support for Nursrat Choudhury for nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District and urge you to advance his nomination.

You may direct any questions regarding this letter to Neha Dewan, National Director at director@saforamerica.org or at (248) 217-9737.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Neha Dewan