

September 28, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Honorable Myong J. Joun for United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Chairman Durbin, Minority Leader McConnell, and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to express my strong support of the nomination of Justice Myong J. Joun to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts. My name is Wayne A. Budd. I am senior counsel at Goodwin Procter, in the firm's Litigation Department. Previously, I was Associate Attorney General of the United States, appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992. From 1989 to 1992, I was the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, serving as the state's chief federal prosecutor and representing the federal government in all matters involving civil litigation. I also served as a member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Justice Joun will be a terrific addition to the Massachusetts federal court. As a long-time advocate of judicial diversity, Justice Joun will be the first Korean-American judge in the 1st Circuit. Moreover, Justice Joun has a remarkable background. He immigrated with his family from South Korea at the age of 4 with only a few dollars. He was raised by his single-mother who earned a living as a seamstress. While he graduated from New York City public schools, University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Suffolk University Law School, he funded his education through scholarships and working multiple jobs. He is also a veteran of the US Army.

After law school graduation, Justice Joun worked as a private attorney working on criminal defense, employment, and civil rights cases. In 2014, Governor Patrick appointed Justice Joun to the Boston Municipal Court where he has been recognized by both prosecutors and defense attorneys to be fair, smart, and patient judge.

Justice Joun has the qualifications, experience, and temperament to be an outstanding federal district judge. I respectfully urge the Judiciary Committee to swiftly and favorably advance Justice Joun's nomination, and for the Senate to confirm him as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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