

November 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Judge Jinsook Ohta of the San Diego Superior Court to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

We are a group of current [and former] law enforcement attorneys from the offices of various state Attorneys General. We have each had the privilege of working with or alongside Judge Ohta while she served as Deputy Attorney General and then Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the California Attorney General's Office. As law enforcement attorneys, we are each committed to the fair and impartial application of justice that our constitutional system is designed to provide. Central to upholding that promise is a federal bench staffed with fair and independent-minded jurists.

Judge Ohta fits the bill. Each of us knows Judge Ohta in various ways—as a former colleague, former co-counsel, former supervisor, and/or as a friend. We can state confidently and from personal knowledge that Judge Ohta is highly intelligent, thoughtful, collegial, and kind, as well as an exceptionally accomplished and talented attorney. Judge Ohta possesses the fair-minded impartiality and dedication to following the law that every litigant has a right to expect from their judge.

Judge Ohta is highly qualified to serve as a United States District Judge, and we are confident that she will serve the people of the Southern District of California with humility and distinction. We respectfully recommend her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,



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