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July 19, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
US Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Office #224
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Assistant US Attorney Sarala Nagala to the Federal District Court of the District of Connecticut.

I have had the privilege of getting to know and work with AUSA Nagala over the past nearly six years as part of my role as the head of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Connecticut Regional Office.

ADL is a leading anti-hate organization, and our work involves combatting hate crimes, preventing and responding to extremist activity, building communal bonds of respect and educating residents on how to understand and confront bias and bigotry. To accomplish our goals, we work with law enforcement and other government and community leaders.

During her tenure at the US Attorney's office, AUSA Nagala has been instrumental in helping our shared community address these ills in many ways. My work with her makes it easy to unreservedly attest to Sarala's professionalism, empathy and humility.

Always mindful of her duties and role, AUSA Nagala has routinely searched for ways to engage with various communities. From working to plan and convene roundtables of inter-faith leaders for critical conversations; to specific outreach to the Jewish community to facilitate communication and express her and the Office's support in prosecuting antisemitic hate crimes, to her special dedication and effort working with ADL to train Connecticut school administrators and educators on anti-Muslim and anti-Sikh bias and bullying; to her regular reach-outs to me and others to share and explain key stages in criminal cases so that our community is aware of progress and challenges, AUSA Nagala is not merely a prosecutor, she is a shining example of how to pursue justice, uphold the rule of law, and simultaneously be mindful of how communities view our justice system.

AUSA Nagala, who obviously has a superior intellect and legal mind, has a unique combination of confidence and humility. She asks questions, listens to the answers, respects and learns from the experience and perspectives of others, and always is forthright and measured in her demeanor and judgment.

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As a leader at an organization that pursues just treatment for all, and as a resident of the State of Connecticut, I thank you for your consideration of this letter of support and hope that you will confirm AUSA Nagala's nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Ginsburg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steven Ginsburg
Director
ADL Connecticut Region