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June 27, 2022

Hon. Dick Durbin Chair, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Chuck Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

## RE: Nomination of Roopali H. Desai to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Arizona Police Association is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the state, representing 50 agencies, 25 associations and 12,000 members from law enforcement, corrections, detention, and probation at the state, local, and national level.

We are writing to express our support for Roopali Desai's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Our organization has worked with, against and alongside Roopali for many years. We know Roopali to be a talented lawyer and a tireless worker; but most importantly, we know Roopali to be committed to the rule of law.

What our members value most in judges is respect for the institution of justice and a commitment to fair play. Roopali has all of those characteristics, which is why our executive board -- including the presidents of the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association, Mesa Police Association, Glendale Law Enforcement Association and Tucson Police Officers Association -- voted unanimously to endorse her nomination.

As is apparent from her resume, which no doubt is known to the Judiciary Committee, Roopali has had a distinguished career. She clerked for the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit and then quickly established herself as the go-to lawyer for issues of public concern, many of which have involved matters of public safety. Her work in Arizona has been diverse and significant. She is abundantly qualified for this position. And while we may ultimately disagree with some

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decisions Roopali will write, we are confident she will serve to our state and nation with honor and integrity.

We recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

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