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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Senate Committee on the Judiciary 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Senate Committee on the Judiciary 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I write to express support for attorney Todd Kim's nomination to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Kim's extensive experience and proven dedication to public service make him an excellent fit for this position.

Mr. Kim graduated from Harvard College, *magna cum laude*, and Harvard Law School, *magna cum laude*, after which he served as a law clerk to Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Having begun his career as a litigator at ENRD—where he worked for more than seven years—Mr. Kim's familiarity with the Division and his service under both Democratic and Republican administrations representing the United States in appellate proceedings, make him uniquely qualified to serve. During his prior service at ENRD, Mr. Kim distinguished himself by handling complex cases related to the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Superfund site cleanup, river contamination, Native American land rights, the establishment of national monuments, and more.

Mr. Kim was appointed at the age of 33 to be the first-ever Solicitor General of the District of Columbia. As Solicitor General for more than 11 years, Mr. Kim faithfully carried out his duty to represent the District and defend our laws in court, diligently and apolitically, under five different Attorneys General, developing experience in virtually all areas of law.

The child of Korean immigrants, a native of New Jersey, and an adopted son of Washington, DC, Todd Kim would become the second Asian American to lead ENRD—and the first in half a century—if confirmed.

Should you need additional information do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Beverly Perry at Beverly.Perry@dc.gov or by phone at 202-724-7173.

Sincerely

Muriel Bowser