

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Re: Nomination of Nusrat Choudhury to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are lawyers, paralegals, and individuals supervised by Nusrat Choudhury in some capacity who benefitted from her mentorship early in our careers. We write in our personal capacities to express our enthusiastic support for her nomination. We believe that the qualities of character evident in her mentorship are among those that will make her a superb addition to the court.

Having encountered Nusrat at various points throughout her career, we collectively represent Nusrat's unwavering commitment to mentorship. She takes an inclusive, welcoming, and genuinely kind approach to supervision and mentorship. Nusrat always made sure to seek out our opinions and ensure our voices were heard. For the junior attorneys among us, Nusrat invited us to contribute meaningfully in all litigation stages, from identifying issues for litigation, analyzing the legal landscape, and strategizing paths toward success. She saw the lawyers that we could become and challenged us to summon our best work. In her, we saw an extraordinary leader who inspired us to pursue excellence in our legal careers. She would be an ideal role model for so many future lawyers and advocates who could see themselves in her. And she has made a point of staying in touch, serving as a sounding board for our subsequent career decisions, thinking of us as opportunities crossed her desk, and connecting us to further resources and networks. If confirmed as a judge, Nusrat's dedication to supporting and mentoring will richly benefit the generations of judicial clerks and support staff that pass through her chambers, and in turn, the legal profession.

Many of us gravitated towards Nusrat as a mentor because she exemplified the kind of professional, and for many of us the lawyer, we wanted to be. Nusrat's passion for justice has inspired each of us in our own careers. Her incredible work ethic set a high bar for us to aspire to. We admire Nusrat's dedication and integrity and have seen first-hand how foundational ethics guide her choices. She is always fair and honest, whether dealing with clients, opposing counsel,

or colleagues. One of her greatest strengths is her ability to listen and weigh different perspectives. She has an impressive ability to communicate with a wide range of people, from opposing counsel, to community organizers with immediate needs, to indigent clients with little exposure to the legal system, to judges before whom she appears. She meets everyone with unbounded kindness and patience.

Each of us have closely experienced Nusrat's stellar character and temperament, and as a result we are confident that she would serve The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, with distinction and honor. Thank you for your consideration of our support.*

Sincerely,

Ariana Momtazi-Bushweller
Associate, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Wonjun Lee
Attorney, U.S. Office of Special Counsel

Greger Calhan
Trial Attorney, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Dr. Marika Plater
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Dickinson College

Carl Snodgrass
Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project in Washington

Anthony Nunez
Paralegal, Racial Justice Program at the American Civil Liberties Union

Joshua David Riegel
Associate, Katsky Korins LLP

Mark Carter
Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union

Sadé Evans
Legal Worker, Center for Constitutional Rights

Malita Picasso
Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union

Jennifer Lambert
Law Graduate, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

Rini Fonseca-Sabune

Linda Moon
Associate, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Carl Gavin Snodgrass
Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Shyenne Medina
Legal Fellow, Racial Justice Program, American Civil Liberties Union

Dami Animashaun

Afraz Khan
Full-Time MBA Student, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business

Nina Papachristou
Law Student

Ranit Patel
Staff Attorney, National Center for Law and Economic Justice

Crystal Kayiza

Jnessa Calvo-Friedman
Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union

Akeeb Dami Animashaun
Attorney

* Please note that all organizational affiliations are listed for identification purposes only.