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Testimony of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton Senate Committee on the Judiciary Hearing on the Nomination of Todd Kim

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Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley and Members of the Committee. I am pleased to offer my support for the nomination of Todd Kim to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) of the Department of Justice. If confirmed, Mr. Kim would be the second Asian American to lead ENRD, and the first to do so in half a century. Given his distinguished record, Mr. Kim would make an excellent Assistant Attorney General.

Todd Kim has devoted his career to public service. He began his career as a litigator at ENRD, where he served for more than seven years representing the United States in appellate cases. His service spanned both Democratic and Republican administrations. He was recognized by the George W. Bush administration for his work, receiving Outstanding Performance Awards from the Department of Justice in 2001, 2003 and 2005. He also received a Gold Medal from the Environmental Protection Agency in 2005.

Mr. Kim was appointed the first-ever Solicitor General for the District of Columbia, when he only was 33 years old. He served in this position for more than 11 years under five different D.C. Attorneys General. Mr. Kim received national and local recognition for his work in this position, twice winning a Supreme Court Best Brief Award from the nonpartisan National Association of Attorneys General.

After leaving his position as Solicitor General, Mr. Kim became a partner in the appellate group at Reed Smith LLP, where he represented government, corporate and individual clients, in addition to managing a robust *pro bono* practice.

Mr. Kim is the son of Korean immigrants. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College and *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. After law school, Mr. Kim was a clerk for Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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I greatly appreciate the opportunity to offer this testimony in support of Mr. Kim's nomination. I strongly urge you to confirm this devoted public servant to this critically important position.

Thank you.