

May 18, 2022

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

The 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 current and former prosecutors from jurisdictions across the country. We write in our personal capacities to you and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the nomination of Ms. Choudhury to serve as a District Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (“EDNY”).

District Courts play a critical role in our criminal justice system. Based on our experience, we understand how critical it is that district judges possess the impartiality, judgment, integrity, and intellect necessary to serve in that role. Ms. Choudhury possesses these qualities, is exceptionally qualified for the position, and would be an excellent addition to the EDNY.

We are aware that Ms. Choudhury has been accused of making factually inaccurate statements about policing in America. We recognize and appreciate that Ms. Choudhury has explicitly disavowed these statements in her responses to her Questions for the Record, because those statements do not reflect the appreciation for law enforcement and policing we know her to have.

Ms. Choudhury would bring deep litigation experience to the EDNY. Over the course of her accomplished career, she has litigated more than two dozen complex cases, almost all of them in federal courts in New York and throughout the country. Her reputation for even-handedness, temperate demeanor, and sound judgment are widely recognized by those who have worked with

her, as evidenced by our willingness to support her nomination. She is well-liked and well-respected by her fellow attorneys (including adversaries) and the bench.

We believe that Nusrat Choudhury has the breadth of experience, demonstrated pattern of excellence, and temperament to be an exemplary jurist on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. We support her nomination without reservation, and we urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance her nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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