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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: Eumi Kim Lee, Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the District of California*

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Asian American Prosecutors Association (AAPA) writes in strong and enthusiastic support of Ms. Eumi Kim Lee, who has been nominated to serve on the United States District Court for the District of California and is awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate. AAPA is a state-wide, non-profit professional organization that is dedicated to promoting justice, advocating for victims' rights, establishing a network of support for fellow prosecutors, and advancing self-empowerment and leadership development for aspiring prosecutors of Asian descent.

Ms. Lee possesses the qualifications needed to be an outstanding jurist. Her superior legal acumen and exceptional legal skills are evident in her rigorous academic pursuits, professional practice in both private and public sectors, published writings and courtroom experience.

Ms. Lee's thoughtfulness, integrity, and deliberative style have earned her a reputation of a dedicated and respected Superior Court judge in Alameda County. Ms. Lee's exceptional judicial temperament stands apart from many other judges as she displays humility and supports the ability to dispassionately consider the merits of a given case, giving due attention to the advocates appearing before her.

Ms. Lee has shown dedication to the enrichment of the Asian community through her involvement in Asian legal organizations, and through the personal relationships she formed with Asian law Students and young practicing attorneys. Indeed, Ms. Lee has consistently demonstrated commitment to improving the practice of law by exposing law students to a wide variety of possible career paths. This includes giving equal airtime between defense attorneys and prosecutors. Ms. Lee's lack of bias and fairness is particularly noteworthy given the current climate concerning law enforcement and prosecutors. Ms. Lee will be an outstanding addition to the federal judiciary, and we urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm her to the bench of the District of California.

Respectfully,

The Asian American Prosecutors Association