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We write jointly to express our strong support for the confirmation of Judge Anne Hwang to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. We are former Assistant United States Attorneys for the Central District of California, and we each have either prosecuted or supervised the prosecution of criminal defendants represented by Judge Hwang when she was a Deputy Federal Public Defender. We agree that Judge Hwang has the temperament, integrity, intellect, and legal skills to serve on the United States District Court.

As former prosecutors, we have seen Judge Hwang's sharp intellect, fairness, and commitment to the rule of law when she was a criminal defense attorney. As an attorney, she represented indigent defendants exclusively in federal court for approximately twelve years. She was well-prepared, understood the facts and the law, was clear in her written and oral arguments, and emphasized a commitment to excellence. Judge Hwang understood her duty to provide zealous representation for her clients, and she did so in a fair manner. She also understood her cases from the perspective of a prosecutor, which was effective in her ability to provide the best representation for her clients.

Judge Hwang has significant experience and outstanding qualifications to be a district judge. She is committed to equal justice and to being a fair and impartial jurist. She has the temperament and judgment necessary to be a district judge. We agree that Judge Hwang would be a wonderful addition to the federal bench and would serve with distinction.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for Judge Anne Hwang for confirmation to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Best,

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