

Re: Endorsement for Magistrate Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai for District Court Judge, District of Oregon

Dear Members of the Committee:

As General Counsel of the Service Employees International Union, I write to offer SEIU's strongest possible support for the confirmation of Magistrate Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai, nominated for the vacancy for district court judge for the District of Oregon.

Magistrate Judge Kasubhai is eminently qualified. While in private practice, he represented working people across Oregon in a wide variety of cases and contexts. More recently, he has devoted the last twenty years to public service, first as the labor member of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Board, later as a state court judge, and then as a federal magistrate judge sitting in Eugene, Oregon. In the latter capacity, Judge Kasubhai has already handled much of the work that comes before a federal district court, and he has demonstrated an excellent judicial temperament, striking intellect, and evenhanded approach in addressing the matters before him.

If he is confirmed, Judge Kasubhai will also bring diversity to the bench in a number of ways. He is the son of South Asian immigrants and a Muslim. He will be the first South Asian and the first Muslim Article III judge in Oregon.

We strongly urge you to confirm Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai for the district court vacancy in Oregon. He is extremely well-qualified, and we are confident he will provide fair and equal justice to all who come before him. He will also add important diversity to the federal bench in Oregon in numerous ways based upon his work experience and personal background.

Sincerely,

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