



September 15, 2024

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

Subject: Letter of Support for Sharad Desai's Nomination as District Court Judge

Dear Senator Durbin,

As the Chief Legal Officer an Arizona-based public company, a combat veteran, Air Force Academy graduate, and former Republican legislator, I am writing to express my strongest support for Sharad Desai's nomination to serve as a District Court Judge in Arizona. I know Sharad very well, as I have had the privilege of working with him on many complex legal matters over the years.

In my years of working with Sharad at Honeywell International, he consistently demonstrated an exceptional level of patience, thoughtfulness, and respect for individuals from diverse backgrounds and with differing viewpoints. Whether collaborating with colleagues, negotiating with opposing counsel, or working through high-stakes corporate challenges, Sharad's ability to engage respectfully and constructively with others has always stood out. These qualities—so essential to a fair and effective judiciary—speak to his deep character and his unwavering commitment to understanding all sides of an issue before reaching a conclusion.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I had the opportunity to work closely with Sharad as we navigated the unprecedented legal and operational complexities faced by a global company with over 100,000 employees. In his role at Honeywell, Sharad handled an incredibly diverse set of challenges and stakeholders, including executives, employees, regulators, customers, and suppliers. His ability to manage these diverse interests with clarity, empathy, and a keen sense of fairness was remarkable. I believe Sharad's experience in this context has uniquely prepared him to handle the wide array of cases that come before a Federal District Court.

In my years of knowing and working alongside Sharad, I know that he approaches every situation—whether legal or personal—with a sense of integrity, humility, and an earnest desire to do what is right. His ability to remain composed under pressure, combined with his deep respect for the law and the diverse perspectives of those around him, makes him exceptionally well-suited for a position in the federal judiciary.

Please accept my wholehearted endorsement of Sharad Desai's nomination to be a District Court Judge. His caliber of professionalism will serve the judiciary and the people of Arizona with great distinction. And I am confident that Sharad will bring integrity, thoughtfulness, and a balanced perspective to the federal bench.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this outstanding nominee.

Sincerely,

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