

SAINT DENIS & OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CHURCHES

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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

As pastor of St. Denis Church in Menlo Park, California for the past six years, it is an honor to write this letter on behalf of Judge Lucy Koh. Lucy and her family are registered and active members of my parish. I have personally gotten to know Lucy's family. Both her son and daughter have gone through the parish's two year Confirmation Program and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. St. Denis Church has an outreach ministry to Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City which houses and feeds the homeless. Many of my parishioners are active in providing and serving dinner to them. For the past five years, Lucy and her family have given their time and presence on a monthly basis ministering to the homeless by providing and serving dinner.

As a priest, it is wonderful to see that Lucy and her family practice and live their faith by attending mass every Sunday. It is obvious to me that Lucy takes her faith seriously. Lucy and her husband have been very supportive of me from the very beginning of my cancer diagnosis. They not only tell me that they are praying for me, but also provided meals for me. It is very comforting to know that I am cared and loved by them.

If there is anything else that I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415 686-9951 or wpodell@aol.com.

God bless,



Fr. Paul O'Dell