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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chair
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member
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RE: Comments on the application of Florence Y. Pan for the position of United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am the Chairman of the Fraternal Order of Police, Metropolitan Police Department Labor Committee (FOP), which is the police union that represents the approximately 3,300 police officers, detectives, and sergeants of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. On behalf of the FOP and its members. I am writing to recommend Florence Y. Pan for nomination to the position of judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

As you are aware, Judge Pan currently serves as a judge on the United States District Court of the District of Columbia. Judge Pan has an impressive academic and professional background that demonstrates her intelligence, her commitment to the public good, and her experience in the practice of law. That background is equaled by the amount of respect and admiration Judge Pan commands among her colleagues, police officers, and legal professionals.

Many attorneys with Judge Pan's academic credentials (and resulting federal clerkships) enter the private sector to reap the benefits of working at high paying and prestigious law firms.

Judge Pan instead dedicated herself to working for the public good and making the District a safer place for everyone. Her commitment to public service is an excellent reminder of how important the service of intelligent, diligent individuals is to society.

As indicated in her resume, Judge Pan's legal skills and experience largely speak for themselves. Beyond her resume; however, Judge Pan is well regarded as an individual, an attorney, and as a judge. She is a studious and deliberative judge who understands not only the law, but its application. It is these characteristics that have earned her the support of the FOP and law enforcement.

Her service to the people of the District of Columbia continued when she was nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate to serve as an associate judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. She served for a dozen years on the DC Superior Court bench and her work as a judge was marked by being firm, fair, efficient, and always running her courtroom professionally. She garnered a reputation as a serious, no-nonsense judge who applied the law fairly to all who appeared before her.

Judge Pan was then again nominated and confirmed as a judge, in 2021, to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. In her relatively short time on the bench, she has become an integral part of the justice dispensed by the DC Federal court. The president has such confidence in Judge Pan that he has again nominated her, this time to serve as an appellate court judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

Judge Pan has spent decades serving the public honestly and honorably, fighting for justice in the courts of Washington DC, and she has richly earned this endorsement. On behalf of the FOP and its 3,300 members, I would respectfully ask that you support Judge Pan's nomination for United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She would be an important and valuable member to this Court.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or by telephone at (202) 548-8300.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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