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Re: Nomination of The Honorable Nina Y. Wang to the United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Dear Chairman and Senator:

We write as former Harvard Law School classmates to express our support for Nina Y. Wang to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Many of us have known Nina since she was a 1L at Harvard Law School in 1994 and over the past twenty-five years have had the opportunity to watch her progress from a law student to a steady and distinguished federal Magistrate Judge.

Nina has now served in the federal government for half her career - first as a law clerk, later as an Assistant United States Attorney, and now as a Magistrate Judge. Throughout her service, she has been committed to provide equal access to justice for all litigants. She maintains the highest standards of impartiality and fairness, consistently works to truly see and hear everyone who appears before her, and thoughtfully applies the rule of law equally to all litigants.

As you may know, Nina's path in the United States was less than assured. She immigrated with her family as a toddler from Taiwan for her father's job as a consul general. The Immigration and Naturalization Service lost their application and in the intervening time period, the law that permitted them legal status changed. Her parents sued, and thus, some of her earliest memories were ones as a litigant before the federal courts. From that experience, she developed an intuitive understanding of the profound impacts courts have upon the lives of everyday people, and a deep respect for the rule of law. We saw, and see, that in her as classmates and friends, and in her work since that time.

During her first year of law school, she served as a student attorney for the Harvard Battered Women's Project, representing income-qualified clients in city and county courts across the Boston metropolitan area on landlord-tenant issues, post-divorce or child support decree, and small claims matters. During her second year of law school, she served as a student-attorney in the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, assisting HIV+ individuals in a variety of cases. Nina also served as a Research Assistant to Deborah Anker, Clinical Professor of Immigration and Asylum Law. In that role, Nina not only supported Professor Anker's academic research but also her work before the agency and courts on behalf of clients seeking asylum in the United States. As a member of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and eventually as Editor-in-Chief of the journal, Nina championed diverse perspectives not only in the articles selected for publication but as a leader to the editorial board. Her leadership style has always focused on the promotion of the team, rather than on the pursuit of personal recognition. As a leader, she also understood that it was imperative, at times, to make tough decisions and own the consequences -- good or bad -- of those decisions.

Nina's personal character makes her the ideal Article III judicial candidate. In the time we have known her, she has demonstrated unwavering integrity, fierce loyalty, and unparalleled selflessness. She is humble to a fault and eschews all acts of self-promotion. We as her classmates feel compelled to write on her behalf precisely because she does not spend effort advocating for herself. With friends and colleagues, Nina is gracious, warm, and funny. With clerks, she is a generous collegial mentor. With litigants, she is committed to impartiality and fairness. Without equivocation, Nina has our highest support.

Sincerely,
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