

November 28, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Judicial Nomination – Rita Lin

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are former prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of California. We write to offer our wholehearted support for the nomination of the Honorable Rita Lin to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

From 2014 until her appointment to the San Francisco Superior Court bench in 2018, Judge Lin served as an Assistant United States Attorney. Each of us who have signed this letter served the United States alongside Judge Lin in various ways—as former colleagues, former co-counsel, former supervisors, and/or as friends. We have seen that Judge Lin is an accomplished and talented trial attorney who successfully prosecuted drug traffickers, violent offenders, corrupt public officials, and those who preyed on children. We state confidently and from personal knowledge that Judge Lin is highly intelligent, perceptive, collegial, and fair-minded.

What stands out as much as Judge Lin’s legal skill is her commitment to civility and professionalism inside and outside the courtroom. As former federal prosecutors, we each took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and we committed ourselves to the fair and impartial application of justice that our constitutional system is designed to provide. Judge Lin recognizes that prosecutors and defense lawyers are essential to the rule of law and the functioning of our criminal justice system and that the zealous representation of one’s client – whether the United States or an individual defendant – is worthy of respect.

Collectively, we have served the United States for more than 290 years, and have handled thousands of criminal cases and hundreds of jury trials. Our aggregate experience informs our judgment that Judge Lin is highly qualified to serve as a United States District Judge. We are confident that she will represent and serve the people of the Northern District of California with distinction and humility.

We offer unequivocal endorsement of her nomination and respectfully recommend her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sheila A.G. Armbrust

/s/ Chinhayi C. Cadet

/s/ William J. Edelman

/s/ Rebecca A. Falk

/s/ William Frentzen

/s/ Susan Gray

/s/ Sarah K. Hawkins

/s/ John H. Hemann

/s/ Andrew S. Huang

/s/ Scott D. Joiner

/s/ Daniel Kaleba

/s/ Philip J. Kearney

/s/ Karen Kreuzkamp

/s/ W.S. Wilson Leung

/s/ Brian C. Lewis

/s/ Michael Maffei

/s/ Brigid S. Martin

/s/ Meredith Osborn

/s/ Jeffrey Shih

/s/ Brian J. Stretch

/s/ Anne M. Voigts

/s/ J. Douglas Wilson

/s/ Marc Price Wolf