

FROM THE DESK OF
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE (RETIRED)
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 29, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
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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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Cindy Chung to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Considering her distinguished academic achievements and outstanding resume, I can assume with confidence that she will receive many letters of recommendation and accolades from the legal community –judges, lawyers, professors, colleagues– that will explore in detail the specifics of her professional accomplishments. But I choose to address the personal side of Cindy Chung.

Socrates aptly described the essential elements of a good judge: “Four things belong to a judge,” he wrote. “To hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially.” I can attest, without question, that Cindy will hear the arguments of counsel with courtesy, that she will answer

the questions of her peers wisely, that she will consider the law and facts soberly, and that she will decide each case impartially.

But from my humble perspective, there is yet another essential element of a good judge, an element that should be added to the four described so well by Socrates. That element is compassion. Cindy's father was Dr. Hoonil Chung, a renown pathologist. Dr.Chung lived with Cindy, and her husband Christian, during his last illness. During that time, which was lengthy, she treated her father with love, kindness, respect and patience. Those four attributes are clearly the bedrock of a compassionate person-- an attribute that Cindy will certainly carry to the bench.

I enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Cindy Chung and urge her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Caiazza