



May 24, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: **Letter of Support for Tana Lin for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) extends its strong support for the historic nomination of Tana Lin to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. If confirmed, Ms. Lin will be the first Asian Pacific American to serve as an Article III judge in the state.

NAPABA is the largest Asian Pacific American membership organization representing the interests of over 60,000 attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students and nearly 90 national, state, and local affiliate bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government. NAPABA is the leading national voice for the Asian Pacific American legal profession.

Ms. Lin has a demonstrated lifetime commitment to public interest law and her community, including as an active member of our NAPABA affiliate, the Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW), where she previously served as a board member and Chair of ABAW's Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee.

Her exemplary career of public legal service began with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she handled cases at both the trial and appellate stages. She then joined the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice where she enforced federal anti-discrimination laws as a trial attorney with the Employment Litigation Section. She continued her public service at the Chicago office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she investigated and litigated employment discrimination cases, enforcing civil rights statutes including Title

VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Between 2001-2004, she was the litigation coordinator for the Michigan Poverty Law Program. Ms. Lin is currently of Counsel at Keller Rohrback LLP in Seattle, Washington, where she handles an extensive caseload and variety of complex litigation matters. Her pro bono work there includes securing a nationwide preliminary injunction against the suspension of follow-to-join refugee admissions which was part of the Muslim travel ban. With 30 years of legal experience, she has been named to the Super Lawyers List for Washington from 2012, and 2014-2020.

Ms. Lin immigrated to the United States with her family from Taiwan when she was 3 - years old, eventually settling in the Chicago suburbs. She worked her way through high school and also while attending Cornell University, where graduated with distinction, and the New York University School of Law, where she earned her J.D. and was a Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar.

Ms. Lin is well qualified to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and NAPABA strongly supports her nomination and swift confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Priya Purandare  
Executive Director