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Senator Patty Murray
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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via e-mail to Jaron_goddard@murray.senate.gov

RE: Nomination of Tana Lin to the U.S. District Court

Dear Senator Murray,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Tana Lin to the United States District Court.

I am a clinical professor of law at New York University School of Law, where I teach both clinical and substantive law courses and I serve as the law school's Vice Dean for curricular matters and also the Director of the law school's clinical program.

I had the pleasure of working with Tana when she was a student at NYU Law School. When she was in her third year of law school, she was in my year-long Juvenile Rights Clinic. She also worked for me as a research assistant in both her second and third years of law school. In the years since her graduation, I have remained in periodic touch with Tana and also her husband, Paul Holland, who was also a student of mine.

I believe that Tana would be an outstanding addition to the bench. She is highly intelligent, has outstanding judgment, is scrupulously ethical and conscientious, and is an incredibly hard worker. During the year that she was in my clinic, she handled actual cases in court and also conducted simulated hearings and trials. Even at that early stage in her career, she was already extremely skilled at trial advocacy skills. Based on her work in writing motions and assisting me as a research assistant, I know her to be an excellent researcher and writer.

Of course, since that time, Tana went on to do extensive work as a litigator, first at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and then for the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, the Chicago EEOC, the Michigan Poverty Law Program, and the firm of Keller Rohrback. She would bring to the bench an invaluable range of experience in litigating cases and a deep knowledge of the federal and state court processes.

I believe that Tana has precisely the right temperament to be a superb judge. She is able to see both sides of an issue and is attuned to alternative perspectives. She is always respectful of other people's views and eager to hear new information or opinions that might inform her view of a matter.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support her appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Hertz", written in a cursive style.

Randy Hertz