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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary.
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building,
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The Honorable Charles E Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am honored to submit this letter of support for the application of Attorney Sarala Nagala for a seat on the Federal District Court.

Being community leader within the Sikh community, and serving my city as Board of Education Member, I had opportunity to work closely with Attorney Nagala. I have always admired her leadership while she served United States Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut for the past many years.

Education is the key to bring end to hate crimes and specially for vulnerable communities like Sikhs and Muslim who are usually misunderstood. Post 9/11 these communities have been targeted for hate crime but I was glad to see that Attorney Nagala clearly understood the root cause of these hate crimes. She was very helpful to build a better understanding between law enforcement agencies and minority communities in Connecticut.

Being one of the trainer in AMS Program which helped educate almost 1200 police officers about facts on Arabs, Muslim and Sikhs, I must say Attorney Nagala was very helpful in organizing these cultural competency training sessions at various police departments around the state.

Her friendly nature , ability to connect with people and understanding people's point of view has surely helped her succeed. Her participation and outreach within other communities like attending events in Sikh places of prayer (Gurudwara) surely created a comfort level within our Sikh community and Government agencies.

Attorney Nagala organized anti-bullying workshops and spearhead "Protecting Your House of Worship" trainings for synagogues, mosques, and gurdwaras. Through this initiative, Attorney Nagala and her team conducted security assessments of religious facilities and proposed security plans in the event of domestic terrorist attacks.

Myself and my community highly recommend Attorney Nagala's to be confirmed to the federal judiciary. If you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours Sincerely,

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