



August 21, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
2244 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
Ranking Member
2244 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C.

RE: Proposal to Split the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals - OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

On behalf of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, I respectfully expresses our opposition to the pending legislative proposal that aims to divide the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Although the Ninth Circuit's geographic size and caseload are large and at some point may undermine the circuit's capacity to effectively and efficiently render justice, we believe that the division of the Ninth Circuit would be expensive and ineffective to our members and the clients that they serve. Ultimately our member's clients will be the ones who are affected by the duplicative overhead costs and expenditure of additional taxpayer dollars that would arise in any new split arrangement.

We believe that the Ninth Circuit provides a unified body of law for the vital Pacific Rim economic area, which is something that would be difficult to achieve were it to be split.

I respectfully ask you both to oppose this new split arrangement that does not necessarily promise any "better" justice than is available today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul C. Granillo'.

Paul Granillo
President & CEO
Inland Empire Economic Partnership