

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Chairman Charles Grassley  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Patrick Leahy  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy,

We write to strongly support Judge Lucy H. Koh's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Koh is a proven judge and committed public servant who would make an outstanding addition to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Koh has over eight years of judicial experience on the bench of state and federal trial courts, in addition to her years of service in the Department of Justice as an advisor to the Deputy Attorney General and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 2008, Judge Koh was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as a California Superior Court Judge for Santa Clara County, where she presided over thousands of cases with only a single decision partially reversed.

Judge Koh's legal prowess was quickly noticed and she was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. She was unanimously voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and confirmed by the Senate with another unanimous vote of 90-0 in 2010. Since then, Judge Koh has been honorably serving on the bench for the Northern District of California, where she has bolstered her already great expertise in technology, business litigation, and criminal law, all issues of great importance to the region.

Moreover, Judge Koh's service as an Article III judge carries great historical relevance and importance to the Asian Pacific American community. Judge Koh's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California secured her place in history as the first female Korean American Article III judge and the first Asian Pacific American Article III judge in the San Francisco Bay and Silicon Valley areas, where a large number of Asian Pacific Americans reside. Should she be confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge Koh would be the first female Korean American Circuit Court judge. We greatly value having our courts reflect the diversity of the American people and recognize the importance of having Asian Pacific Americans represented in our judicial system.

We strongly urge that the Senate Judiciary Committee proceed with a speedy hearing and the confirmation of Judge Lucy H. Koh in a strong bipartisan fashion, as the Committee has done in the past, reflecting the benefit to our judicial system that she provides.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress



Zoe Lofgren  
Member of Congress



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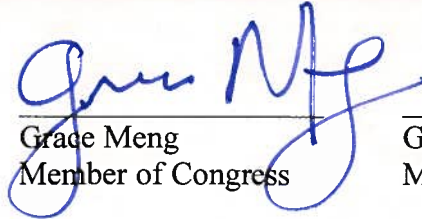
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