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Hon. Orrin Hatch
U. S. Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Goodwin Liu to Ninth Circuit

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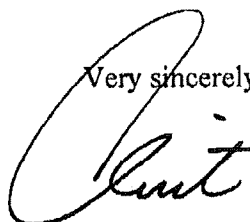
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