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The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Goodwin H. Liu to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

It is an honor and pleasure to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO for Professor Goodwin H. Liu's nomination to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Briefly, APALA is the first and only national organization for Asian American and Pacific Islander union members to advance worker, immigrant and civil rights.

As you may know, Professor Liu's nomination to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is historic in that there are currently no Asian Pacific Americans on the federal appellate court. More importantly, Professor Liu's qualifications, intellectual curiosity and commitment to fairness are demonstrated in his body of work.

Professor Liu's life story is an inspiration to many. The child of immigrant parents, Professor Liu did not learn English until he started kindergarten out of his parent's fear that he would acquire an accent if taught at home. He went on to become his high school valedictorian, a graduate from Stanford University, obtained his Master's Degree at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and attended Yale Law School.

Professor Liu's distinguished career, which spans academia and the federal government as a public servant, is equally impressive. He served at UC Berkeley's School of Law, one of the top public universities in the country, and as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education. It is APALA's belief that these accomplishments will carry over to a successful career in the federal appellate court.



Finally, judges in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals routinely preside over claims and issues that strongly impact working families. Thus, it is imperative that judges are able to fairly assess and interpret our laws in a manner that promotes equity and the goals of our legal system. We believe Professor Liu has the qualifications and experience necessary to be a fair judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. Thus, strongly recommend that his nomination be voted out of committee unanimously, and confirmed by the full Senate without further delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. John Dello", written in a cursive style.

John Dello
APALA National President