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RE: Recommendation of James C. Ho for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Cruz,

On behalf of the Dallas Asian American Bar Association (“DAABA”), we respectfully request your support in submitting James C. Ho to the President for nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. We firmly believe that Mr. Ho would be an outstanding federal appellate judge, and that sentiment is shared by past and present leadership of DAABA across our 28-year history, as well as all of our current officers and directors.

Mr. Ho is a partner in the Dallas office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and co-chair of the firm’s Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group. In addition, he previously served as Solicitor General of Texas—the state’s chief Supreme Court and appellate lawyer. He is the first (and to date, the only) Asian-American to hold that distinguished office. Mr. Ho has also previously served in all three branches of the federal government. At the U.S. Department of Justice, he was an attorney-adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel, the division that advises the President and other senior Administration officials on the Constitution, as well as a member of the leadership of the Civil Rights Division. Later, he became chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on the Constitution and Immigration under the leadership of Senator John Cornyn. He also served as a law clerk to Judge Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Justice Clarence Thomas of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Ho is one of the most respected members of the Fifth Circuit bar today. To date, he has argued 16 cases before the Fifth Circuit since 2009, placing him at the very top of the Fifth Circuit bar. He has argued and won cases before both the United States Supreme Court and the

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entire Fifth Circuit *en banc*. His expertise spans both federal constitutional cases and federal business disputes. As Solicitor General, he handled the most significant federal constitutional disputes facing the State of Texas. In private practice, he is routinely sought by companies to handle multi-million dollar business disputes covering the waterfront of federal law.

Mr. Ho is also a highly valued member of the Asian American bar, both in Texas and nationwide. As the long-time co-chair of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's distinguished Judiciary Committee, and former officer of the Dallas Asian American Bar Association, he has mentored and counseled countless Asian American lawyers. He has been honored by organizations in the Asian American legal community across Texas, including the Justice David Wellington Chew Award from the Asian Pacific Interest Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Community Leader Award from the Dallas Asian American Bar Association, the Award for Outstanding Contributions in Law from the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the SMU Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. And, he has likewise been honored on the national level. He won the Presidential Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Asian Pacific American Leadership from the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership.

We would be thrilled and honored to see James C. Ho appointed to serve as the first Asian American judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The Asian American legal community would be profoundly grateful to our two U.S. Senators here in Texas, and to our President of the United States, for making that appointment possible. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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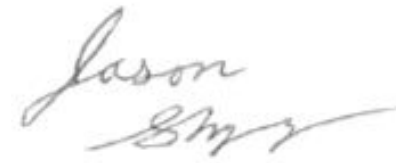
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