



February 28, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nusrat Choudhury's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) strongly urges you to confirm Nusrat Choudhury as a judge to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. We are excited that if confirmed, Ms. Choudhury would be the first Bangladeshi American and first Muslim woman on the federal bench.

As the only national organization dedicated to building power with American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women and girls, NAPAWF gives voice to issues central to AAPI women and girls and leads advocacy efforts among reproductive justice organizations through an intersectional gender and race angle. We are thrilled that if confirmed, Ms. Choudhury will bring her exceptional experience and much-needed diversity to the federal circuit court.

Ms. Choudhury possesses impeccable legal credentials that will serve her well on the bench. She served in a number of roles at the national American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) prior to her current position as the Roger Pascal Legal Director of the ACLU of Illinois. She served as the Deputy Director of ACLU's Racial Justice Program and a staff attorney in its National Security Project. Ms. Choudhury was also a law clerk for Judge Barrington D. Parker, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 2007 to 2008 and for Judge Denise L. Cote

on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York from 2006 to 2007. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2006, her M.P.A. from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs in 2006, and her B.A., summa cum laude, from Columbia University in 1998.

If confirmed, Ms. Choudhury would bring deep litigation experience to the Eastern District of New York. Over the course of her accomplished career, she has litigated more than two dozen complex cases, almost all of them in federal courts throughout the country, including New York. Her litigation has been cutting edge and often grappled with constitutional issues of our day, demonstrating her skills and comfort with unknown answers.

We believe that Nusrat Choudhury has the breadth of experience and demonstrated a pattern of excellence to be an exemplary jurist on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. We support her nomination without reservation, and we urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance her nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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