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Re: Nomination of Phillip H. Kwon

Dear Senate President Sweeney, Chairman Scutari, Majority Leader Weinberg, and Minority Leader Kean:

We are former Assistant United States Attorneys for the District of New Jersey. We are writing to urge the New Jersey Senate to confirm Mr. Phillip H. Kwon as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

We reflect a broad range of political affiliations, and a diverse assembly of views on policy. We have served under both Democratic and Republican United States Attorneys, and actively supported elected officials of all parties. We are united, however, in our complete support for Phil Kwon and our firm belief that he will serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court with distinction.

Phil Kwon's experience and qualifications to serve on our State's highest Court are impeccable. A graduate of two of the nation's finest schools, Georgetown University and Rutgers Law, Phil served as a law clerk for the Honorable Harold A. Ackerman, a Federal District Court Judge, and was an associate at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in Newark. In his current role as First Assistant Attorney General, he has worked on many of the most significant legal matters in New Jersey.

More personally, we had the privilege of working daily with Phil as his colleague at the United States Attorney's Office where he served with distinction as the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, the Chief of the Violent Crimes Unit and an Assistant in both the Special Prosecutions Division and the Criminal Division. In our experience, Phil approached

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the law with a reasoned and objective approach that is well suited to the work of a Justice. During his ten years as a federal prosecutor, Phil was guided by a deep and unwavering belief in the equality of all persons under the law, and overriding imperative of separating personal conviction from a neutral analysis of the facts and the law. Whether he was leading the prosecution of sensitive and difficult public corruption cases, courageously pursuing violent organized gangs, or simply sharing his reasoning on any number of the hundreds of cases filed by the attorneys under his supervision, Phil consistently demonstrated the legal acumen and dispassionate reasoning that are the hallmarks of any judge.

As an Associate Justice, we believe that Phil Kwon will bring the fortitude, compassion, knowledge, and experience worthy of the New Jersey Supreme Court. We urge the Senate to confirm his nomination.

We are available to answer any questions you may have about Phil Kwon's qualifications or to discuss his nomination in further detail,

Sincerely,

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