

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

We write collectively in support of Sri Srinivasan to be confirmed as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Each of the undersigned has served as Solicitor General or as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. Almost all of us worked with Sri during his time in the Solicitor General's Office or served as opposing counsel to Sri or both. We have served both Democratic and Republican Administrations, and as a group, we have argued hundreds of cases before the United States Supreme Court and the federal Courts of Appeals. As detailed below, Sri has a first-rate intellect, an open-minded approach to the law, a strong work ethic, and an unimpeachable character.

Sri is one of the best appellate lawyers in the country. He has argued 24 cases before the United States Supreme Court and other major cases before Court of Appeals around the country. He is a terrific oral advocate, and a gifted writer. While in the Solicitor General's office, Sri quickly grasped the nuances of a wide array of legal issues, drafted finely written briefs, and clearly articulated the position of the United States. He is extremely well prepared to take on the intellectual rigors of serving as a judge on the DC Circuit.

We also witnessed Sri's approach to the law. He has served in the Solicitor General's office in both Republican and Democratic Administrations, and has succeeded in both. He takes a case where the facts and the law lead him. He is also a terrific listener, who values hearing all sides of an argument before formulating a final position.

Sri is an extremely disciplined individual whose work ethic is unsurpassed. While in private practice, Sri did hundreds of hours of pro bono work each year on top of his already demanding schedule. He also managed to find the time to coach his children's basketball teams.

As the undersigned can attest, Sri is a person of great integrity. Lawyers who have appeared on the other side of a case from him can also speak to this quality. He does not take shortcuts or cut corners.

Simply put, Sri would be an excellent court of appeals judge. We urge his timely consideration by this Committee and his swift confirmation in the US Senate. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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