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Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we strongly urge you to support Jennifer Sung's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for the reasons discussed below. Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 117th Congress.

Member Sung's professional and personal background would bring much needed diversity to the federal bench. A graduate of Yale Law School, she clerked on the Ninth Circuit and completed a Skadden Fellowship at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, where she worked with community organizations to advance economic justice policies. Before law school, she was an organizer with the Service Employees International Union. As a judge on the Ninth Circuit, Member Sung would become the first AAPI member of that court from Oregon.

Member Sung has served with distinction on the Oregon Employment Relations Board since 2017. Known as a fair-minded and unbiased adjudicator, she consistently demonstrates the thoughtfulness and temperament necessary for a federal judge. While in private practice, she was a litigator specializing in labor, employment, and constitutional law. She fought for workers who had wages stolen from them and represented labor organizations and employees in arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and civil litigation in state and federal courts.

The combination of Member Sung's professional expertise and lived experience is uncommon among federal judges, yet it embodies the highest ideal of our justice system: equal justice for all. We strongly urge you to support her nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Sincerely,

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