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**Re: Endorsement of Anjali Chaturvedi for Position of United States  
Attorney for the District of Maryland**

Dear Senators Cardin & Van Hollen:

On behalf of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. (SABA-DC), I write to express our unequivocal support for the appointment of Anjali Chaturvedi as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. Through her extensive experience in government—with over 12 years working as a front-line prosecutor—as well as her significant experience in both private practice and in-house roles focused on criminal investigations, Ms. Chaturvedi is the ideal candidate to serve as the next U.S. Attorney for Maryland.

SABA-DC is a voluntary bar association dedicated to the needs, concerns, and interests of the South Asian American legal community in the Washington, D.C. area. Our organization reaches approximately 1,000 attorneys and jurists of South Asian origin in the D.C. metropolitan area. SABA-DC's key objectives are to advance the professional development of South Asian American lawyers, increase awareness and dialogue regarding legal issues concerning South Asian Americans, and improve access to legal services for the South Asian American community. In making our endorsements, we consider a candidate's experience, past accomplishments, demonstrated interest in or commitment to the South Asian community, and broader efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession.



Based on her extensive personal and professional accomplishments, SABA-DC strongly believes that Ms. Chaturvedi is uniquely qualified to lead the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland. Ms. Chaturvedi began her legal career at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C. and devoted over a decade moving up from a line attorney to Deputy Chief, Felony Trial Section, and then to the Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force in the Northern District of California. Since her time at the U.S. Attorney’s Offices in Washington, D.C. and California, she has expanded and enhanced her breadth of experience, which has prepared her even more to serve as the U.S. Attorney in Maryland. Currently, Ms. Chaturvedi is the Assistant General Counsel at Northrup Grumman where she leads and directs the global investigations team and serves as the principal corporate representative in communications with government agencies on all investigations. Prior to her in-house role, Ms. Chaturvedi was a partner in the Government Investigations and White-Collar practice group at Nixon Peabody, LLP. She was also an adjunct professor at both Georgetown University Law Center and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law where she taught Trial Practice and Criminal Procedure.

Ms. Chaturvedi is also deeply aware of the systemic failures of the criminal justice system to treat defendants equally based on race and is committed to addressing and strengthening our justice system in working towards that goal. In the wake of the tragic killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor in 2020, Ms. Chaturvedi—along with 83 former federal prosecutors from the D.C. U.S. Attorney’s Office—publicly expressed their support for the recommendations developed by a working group of Black prosecutors to combat racial bias in prosecutorial decision-making. In fact, it was the national dialogue around race and the criminal justice system that steered Ms. Chaturvedi to seek to return to public service. Additionally, she is now a mother of an 11-year-old son and believes there is no better way to teach him service and leadership—her cornerstone values—than by returning to the office where she began her career.

Equally important to her deep commitment to justice and equity is the rich and diverse perspective that Ms. Chaturvedi would bring to the office through her experience. As a South Asian American who has pioneered a career of many “firsts” in every role she has held, Ms. Chaturvedi would bring a unique perspective to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Maryland. Having experienced both prejudice and privilege throughout her life and career, Ms. Chaturvedi has the ability to empathize with and lead the many different constituencies that interact with the criminal justice system. Moreover, at this historic moment in time, representation matters and Ms. Chaturvedi’s background would undoubtedly enhance the diversity of the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Based on the information highlighted in this letter, combined with the extensive materials you have received regarding her qualifications, SABA-DC believes that Ms. Chaturvedi is an exceptional candidate to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland. She exemplifies the qualities



that will most benefit this office and will serve the citizens of this country well. We enthusiastically support her for this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amandeep S. Sidhu', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Amandeep S. Sidhu  
Chairman, SABA-DC Endorsements Committee

cc: Priya Bhanu, President, SABA-DC  
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