



November 29, 2021

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Confirm Dale Ho to the Southern District of New York

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes that a healthy, functioning democracy where all people can participate freely and equitably is necessary to address climate change, protect our communities, and deliver environmental justice. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, detailing the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

We urge you to vote YES on the nomination of Dale Ho to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. His extraordinary leadership in the field of voting rights makes him an exceptionally strong choice for the bench. He should be confirmed without delay.

In his work as Voting Rights Project Director for the American Civil Liberties Union, Ho has distinguished himself as one of the nation's most prominent litigators and democracy champions. He has practiced before the United States Supreme Court as well as Circuit and District Courts. He has testified before Congress and state legislatures. And he has done so in service of a more perfect union, not deep-pocketed corporate clients. We need judges who believe in equal justice for all, not just the wealthy and powerful, and Ho has a demonstrated track record of fighting for everyone's rights.

Ho has had a distinguished legal career beyond his role at the ACLU. He has long taught at New York University School of Law, and has published a number of law review articles. Prior to joining the ACLU, he followed in Thurgood Marshall's footsteps working at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. Ho is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School. He clerked for judges of both the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the New York Court of Appeals.

Finally, beyond his exemplary professional qualifications, Ho would bring much-needed demographic diversity to the bench. Hundreds of thousands of Asian Americans live in the Southern District of New York, but if confirmed, Ho would be the District's only active Asian American judge.

For all these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on Dale Ho's nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. We will strongly consider including votes on this nomination in our next *Scorecard*. If you would like more information, please reach out to a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President