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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: New York City Bar Association Rating for
Hon. Jeffrey K. Oing Should Be Rejected

Dear Governor Hochul,

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), joined by the undersigned New York bar associations, write to address and respond to an important issue that concerns the appointment of Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

As you are aware, all seven candidates reported by the Commission on Judicial Nominations were recently interviewed by ten different bar associations. As part of that process, one rating stood out as an outlier, namely the "not well qualified" rating of Justice Jeffrey K. Oing by the New York City Bar Association ("NYCBA"). AABANY and the undersigned bar associations submit that the NYCBA's rating of Justice Oing runs counter to 98.5% of the ratings submitted and should not be considered when determining which candidate to nominate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. We respectfully request the Governor to reject this aberrational rating.

Enclosed please find for your review an article from the *New York Law Journal* that highlights the NYCBA's controversial and bizarre rating. Justice Oing's even-keeled response to this outlier has further demonstrated his character, professionalism, and temperament. Justice Oing has kept his head above the fray and has graciously not commented on a rating we believe to be wrong and against the weight of evidence showing his depth of experience and demonstrated qualification to be nominated for the Chief Judge position.



AABANY recognizes that not all signatories to this letter join AABANY in its endorsement of Justice Oing for Chief Judge, but we are all united in the conviction that the Governor should reject NYCBA's "not well qualified" rating.

Respectfully submitted,

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