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JACL DISAPPOINTED WITH FAILED CLOTURE VOTE FOR PROFESSOR GOODWIN LIU

Washington, D.C. — Today, the United States Senate voted along party lines to block President Obama's judicial nominee for the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, [Professor Goodwin Liu](#). The JACL is extremely disappointed in the decision of the Senate's failed [cloture](#) vote of 52-43. The motion needed 60 votes to move Professor Liu's nomination forward.

Professor Goodwin Liu, a graduate from Stanford and Yale Law School, has more than proven his track record as a remarkable UC Berkeley law professor, public servant and advocate. Today's failed vote was the result of a divided party system.

Excerpts from Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, statement today supporting Professor Liu:

The many letters of strong support we have received from conservatives and Republicans who have reviewed Professor Liu's record and know the nominee show the hollowness of the partisan attacks on Professor Liu's character...

...Senators can in good faith oppose this nomination, though I disagree with them, but the attacks on a fine man's character have no place in this debate.

National JACL Executive Director Floyd Mori had the following to say, *"We are extremely disappointed that politics won over merit and fairness. Goodwin Liu is one of the most highly qualified to sit on the bench. The nation missed a chance to move the quality of our judiciary system up a notch."*

The JACL thanks Senate Majority Leader Reid for his critical support in Professor Liu's nomination and working with our organization.

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