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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I have been deeply honored to be your nominee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The nomination has been a source of tremendous pride for my family and community, and it would be a great privilege and responsibility for me to serve our country as a member of the judiciary.

In light of last week's unsuccessful cloture vote, however, I respectfully ask that you withdraw my nomination from further consideration by the United States Senate. With no possibility of an up-or-down vote on the horizon, my family and I have decided that it is time for us to regain the ability to make plans for the future. In addition, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit has noted the "desperate need for judges" to fill current vacancies, and it is now clear that continuing my nomination will not address that need any time soon.

I am profoundly indebted to you for your confidence in me and to the many people who have worked tirelessly in support of my nomination. Thank you for this great honor and opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goodwin Liu".

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