

November 17, 2025

Senator Charles Grassley
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

Senator Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to urge you to oppose the nomination of Nicholas Ganjei for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. His resharing of hurtful anti-immigrant rhetoric and commentary, coupled with his extensive ties to far-right extremist organizations, lead us to believe that Ganjei will inappropriately weaponize a lifetime appointment on the federal bench to uphold unconstitutional and authoritarian actions by the Trump administration rather than serve as a fair and independent jurist committed to equal protection under the law. Furthermore, by presiding over a courtroom in the Southern District of Texas, one close to the border, and potentially overseeing countless cases involving immigrants, Ganjei's appointment could threaten the very rights that he would be tasked with upholding.

As the current U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas and the top law enforcement official for this district, Ganjei has repeatedly embraced the Trump Administration's extreme and racist rhetoric on immigration. He publicly celebrated the Department of Homeland Security's [dehumanizing social media clips](#) villainizing minority communities, and he has recirculated the Trump Administration's [authoritarian ICE propaganda](#). Responding to DHS's hateful social media posts, he [tweeted](#) "give their social media guy a raise." In Department of Justice press releases and other public statements as the district's top law enforcement official, Ganjei also uses derogatory terms like "illegal alien" to describe undocumented individuals.

For nearly two decades, Ganjei has aligned himself with far-right extremist activist organizations pushing agendas harmful to the American people. In addition to serving as a panelist and moderator for the Federalist Society a number of times, Ganjei was a Lincoln Fellow at the [Claremont Institute](#), an anti-democracy think tank that supported Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Ganjei also worked at the [Manhattan Institute](#), which champions troubling policies such as stripping funding from public schools and privatizing key social services. These organizations are actively working to champion and confirm nominees who will push an ideologically driven agenda that seeks to cut off access to reproductive care, undo LGBTQ+ rights and civil rights protections, and undermine voting rights.

During law school, Ganjei worked for — and defended — John Yoo, who authored the leaked "torture memos" that the Bush administration used to justify illegal torture techniques. He described criticism against Yoo as "disingenuous", and he demonstrated unwavering support for Yoo against the university's attempt to sanction him. Someone who has shown such contempt for

the rule of law and human dignity cannot be trusted to fairly administer justice. His inflammatory and partisan attitude will undermine the public's trust in an impartial, independent judiciary; his elevation to the bench would signal that this derogatory conduct is acceptable.

Judges should be held to the highest standards of decorum, civility, and professionalism. They must administer our laws impartially, independent from any partisan pressure. America's families deserve nothing less. Giving Ganjei a lifetime judicial appointment would elevate a nominee who has shown little regard for neutrality or good conduct, endangering the rights of all Texans.

For all these reasons, we urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject Nicholas Ganjei's nomination to the U.S. District Court. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Justice

Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

Feminist Majority

Just Solutions

People For the American Way

Reproductive Freedom for All