



Goodwin Liu's Nomination Must Move Forward, ACS's Fredrickson Says

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Following Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's filing of a motion to invoke cloture, seeking to force a vote on the nomination of Goodwin Liu to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, American Constitution Society Executive Director released the following statement:

For too long, some senators have chosen meritless obstruction of some judicial nominees over a fully functioning court system. But there is no more time for playing these games. Goodwin Liu was nominated more than a year ago to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, now considered a "judicial emergency." And for more than a year, members of the Senate have time and again obstructed an up-or-down vote on Liu's nomination. With his petition for cloture, Majority Leader Harry Reid has said enough is enough. The Senate has received countless statements attesting to the sterling qualifications of Liu, who was given the highest possible rating by the American Bar Association. There is no question that senators have more than enough information to take an up-or-down vote on Liu's confirmation. The only question is whether they will prioritize their duty to advise and consent on judicial nominees over petty partisanship over.

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