

United States Senate

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Dear Chairman Pitofsky,

I am writing in strong support of Elizabeth Inadomi's nomination to serve on the FTC's Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security. Guaranteeing fair information practices by commercial web sites is a matter of great importance, as my Senate colleagues and I discussed with you during last year's Commerce Committee hearing. Knowing her credentials, commitment, and intellect, I sincerely believe that Ms. Inadomi is exactly suited to serve on the Advisory Committee and do a very effective job.

Ms. Inadomi was Counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee and the Subcommittee on Science, Technology & Space when I was the Chairman of that Subcommittee. She therefore was a de facto member of my staff for several years. During that time she was indispensable to me on a wide range of issues, including those that the Advisory Committee will consider. I find Ms. Inadomi to be extremely talented, hard working, and smart. At the same time, you should know that she is one of those rare people who can make real progress through consensus building — her effectiveness stems from her ability to work well with people with different perspectives, assess facts and varying approaches, and pursue solutions. These are qualities that are especially needed in working on the subject matter and mission of this Advisory Committee.

I am not able to sign this personally because I am currently in Australia visiting my daughter. But as soon as I learned that Ms. Inadomi was being considered for this position, I asked my staff to prepare this letter and relay it to you immediately. Beth is a real talent and an extraordinary person able to handle complex issues and contribute to the important process provided by the Advisory Committee to promote sound policy and ideas.

I highly recommend Elizabeth Inadomi, and hope that you'll give her nomination strong consideration. If I can be of any further help, please never hesitate to contact me. The issues being addressed by the Advisory Committee and your agency are of tremendous interest to me.

My best to you, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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[E-mailed from Australia]