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May 10, 2011

Honorable Charles Calderon
Assembly Majority Leader
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Calderon,

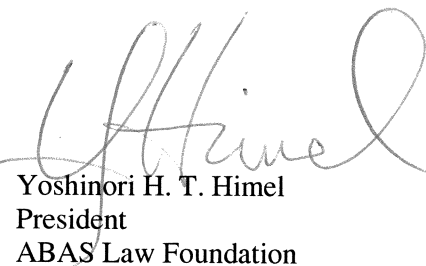
The Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS) is extremely proud to have recently celebrated our 30th anniversary, and of the fact that one of our own, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, has ascended to such great heights. She is an inspiration to people of all races and both genders, and her new role as Chief Justice is a real testament to California being a leader in embracing women and minorities in top governmental positions. ABAS and the ABAS Law Foundation celebrate this breaking of barriers and commitment to diversity.

Your May 3, 2011 remarks about the Chief Justice were demeaning and belittling to her and all women, and were extremely inappropriate.

Even more troubling is that you remain in denial about, and you seem to lack the capability or capacity to understand, how inappropriate and demeaning your comments were. Your offer "to apologize if anybody misunderstood" is not a meaningful apology. It is unacceptable that you, as Majority Leader in the State Assembly, cannot understand why your remarks were inappropriate and that your attempted apology was no apology at all. We urge you to review your words again and to issue a true apology.

Very truly yours,


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