

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

**U.S. Senate Floor Statement in Support of Tana Lin, Nominee for
Federal District Court Vacancy in the Western District of Washington**

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CANTWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I come to the floor to support the nomination of Tana Lin to serve as the judge for the U.S. District Court of Western Washington.

If confirmed, Lin would be the first Asian American appointed as a federal judge in the State of Washington. Western Washington has one of the largest Asian American populations in the country, so it's very important that we have her voice on the federal bench to show the diversity of our [state].

As an Asian American woman, the barriers Ms. Lin faced have inspired her to fight for equal justice and access to promote diversity within the legal field. And she's had a passion for public service for a long time. She started her legal career as a public defender and served as a mentor to economically disadvantaged youth and mothers interested in pursuing law for many years.

So she's extremely well qualified and supported by many, including the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and many others and I urge my colleagues to support her.