September 9, 2019

Via Email
The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Via Email
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Steven J. Menashi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Steven J. Menashi, who has been nominated by the President to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. As you know, the Standing Committee confines its evaluation to the qualities of integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament. A majority of the Standing Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Menashi is “Well Qualified,” and a minority determined that he is “Qualified” to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. This means that, under our guidelines, Mr. Menashi satisfies the Standing Committee’s very high standards with respect to integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament and is qualified to perform all the duties and responsibilities required of a federal judge. The majority rating represents the Standing Committee’s official rating.

Very truly yours,

William C. Hubbard

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