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The Honorable Judy Chu   October 23, 2014
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Dear Representative Chu:

I am a resident of your district, living at *(redacted for privacy reasons).* I am also the director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a nationwide group of physicians, scientists, and others who support the safe and lawful use of firearms for any legitimate purpose.

In a letter this week to the Senate leadership you call for confirmation of Dr. Vivek Murthy, President Obama's controversial nominee for surgeon general. As your constituent and as a health professional long involved in firearm policy, I strongly oppose his confirmation.

Dr. Murthy has left a clear record of his political campaign against what is arguably our most cherished civil right—the right to keep and bear arms. He created and led a campaign support group called Doctors for Obama, later renamed Doctors for America. The group proclaimed an agenda of passing more gun control laws. Dr. Murthy's entries on Twitter betray disrespect for gun owners, especially his October 16, 2012 tweet:

> **"Tired of politicians playing politics w/ guns, putting lives at risk b/c they're scared of NRA. Guns are a health care issue."**

No candidate for surgeon general who would serve all Americans can possibly succeed with Dr. Murthy's open contempt of America's largest civil rights organization, the National Rifle Association, and its five million dues-paying members. No candidate with Dr. Murthy's bent for stigmatizing tens of millions of American gun owners can earn America's respect.

I urge you to withdraw your support for Dr. Murthy's confirmation as surgeon general. What America needs now more than ever is a surgeon general who can unite, not divide. Dr. Murthy is not that person.

Yours truly,

Timothy Wheeler, MD, Director
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