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Statement from Michigan Supreme Court Justices Elizabeth T. Clement and Megan K. Cavanagh on JooYeun Chang joining the Biden Administration:

“We join in enthusiastically congratulating JooYeun Chang on her appointment to play a key role in the Biden Administration. As co-liaisons for the Supreme Court on child welfare matters, we have had the privilege of working closely with her on critical issues affecting Michigan children and families, including adoption, family reunification, foster care, and other policy areas. Joo is truly a difference maker for Michigan’s children and will do the same for the nation.

“Although Joo’s stellar professional reputation preceded her when she came to Michigan, we were immediately struck by her passion for protecting children and building families, as well as her genuine compassion for those who are struggling. Those qualities, combined with knowledge, experience, and creativity, helped her be successful in transforming programs that are so difficult to change.

“As a leader, Joo understands the importance of building relationships with a variety of stakeholders. For example, when she presented at a meeting of the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum in 2019, her eagerness to engage resonated strongly among Forum members and helped to further strengthen the collective partnership between state agencies and tribal communities. Our colleagues on the Forum instantly bonded with her, just as we had.

“Joo’s team-based approach to solving problems was reinforced during the pandemic and resulted in our rolling out the Rapid Permanency Program in 2020. Returning children in foster care to permanent homes quickly and safely during the COVID-19 health crisis made a huge difference for so many at risk children and families.

“President Biden is wise to ask Joo Chang to join his child welfare team. Soon, the entire nation will know what we know here in Michigan – that Joo is an unstoppable force for good.”

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