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## **BAUCUS LAUDS SENATE APPROVAL OF TAX COURT NOMINEES**

*Finance Chair: Nominees Will Uphold Tax Law in Second Terms*

**Washington, DC** – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) today lauded the Senate’s unanimous approval of the nominations of Juan Vasquez, Maurice Foley and Joseph Gale to serve second terms as Judges of the United States Tax Court. Baucus voiced strong support for Vasquez and Foley at a Finance Committee [hearing on July 28](#) and for Gale at a [hearing on September 12](#). The Committee [approved the nominations](#) on September 20.

**“Juan Vasquez, Maurice Foley and Joseph Gale will continue upholding tax law admirably in their second terms on the U.S. Tax Court,”** Baucus said. **“All three of these nominees have served with distinction during their first terms and will continue to ensure our tax laws are applied fairly as they continue their service.”**

Juan Vasquez, Maurice Foley and Joseph Gale were all originally appointed to the U.S. Tax Court by President Clinton in 1995. The United States Tax Court hears a variety of tax law-related cases and gives taxpayers a dedicated venue in which to dispute IRS claims. Vasquez is also an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center. Foley previously served as Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel in the Treasury’s Office of Tax Policy and as an attorney-advisor for the IRS. Gale served as Staff Director and Chief Tax Counsel on the Senate Finance Committee immediately prior to his initial appointment to the Tax Court and advised Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan on tax issues between 1985 and 1992.

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