

March 14, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are Black women who serve as General Counsel for a broad range of businesses and organizations in the United States, and we write in support of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1981, the first woman justice was confirmed to the Supreme Court and, in 2022, we hope to see the fifth woman justice and the first Black woman justice elevated to the highest court in the land. Judge Jackson has our unwavering support, and we urge the Senate to provide her with the fair consideration and speedy confirmation that she deserves.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is a renowned judge and former litigator with an unparalleled commitment to the Constitution and equal justice under law. Judge Jackson would approach each case with an open mind and an allegiance to the Constitution, precedent, and equal justice, an approach that would serve her admirably on the Supreme Court. This thoughtful, methodological approach to the law has earned her the respect of her colleagues and legislators on both sides of the aisle. The American people can be sure that, in Judge Jackson, they are getting a superbly qualified jurist – one of the brightest legal minds of her generation – who will take seriously her oath to uphold the Constitution.

Judge Jackson is a dedicated public servant and highly respected legal practitioner with an immensely impressive resume. A former clerk for Justice Stephen Breyer, Judge Jackson currently serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, one of this nation's most esteemed courts. Prior to her appointment, Judge Jackson spent eight years serving on the District Court for the District of Columbia. In those eight years, Judge Jackson issued over 550 rulings on issues ranging from labor rights

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to executive powers. Before becoming a federal judge, she served in multiple public service roles, including Assistant Special Counsel, Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, where she worked on bipartisan reforms to federal sentencing guidelines. Judge Jackson also spent two years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender and represented indigent criminal appellants before the D.C. Circuit. Judge Jackson's career history attests to her dedication to the law and to ensuring that the American people have access to a just and impartial judiciary.

Notably, Judge Jackson comes from our country's deep bench of Black female jurists and lawyers who have a commitment to equal justice under law. This nomination is a significant step towards correcting the generations of bias and underrepresentation. We are long overdue for a Black woman jurist to be appointed to the Supreme Court, and President Biden could have picked no better candidate than Judge Jackson. She is a legal luminary and an inspiration to Black women across this nation who, for the first time in history, will see themselves represented on the highest court in the land. We, as Black women in law, cannot overstate how thrilled we are to see Judge Jackson nominated for this esteemed position.

We urge the Senate promptly to confirm Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court. The American people deserve a Justice of Judge Jackson's caliber.

Sincerely yours[1],

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