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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Gentlemen:

Re: Nomination of Arianna J. Freeman, Esquire

I am a former dean and tenured professor of law at Temple University School of Law who has taught and practiced in Philadelphia for 50 years. I am a graduate of Temple University Law School and Yale Law School. During my career, I have taught Civil and Appellate Procedure, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Legal Ethics and Jurisprudence to several thousand students, some of whom are currently state and federal court judges. As a practicing lawyer, I litigated numerous matters in the state courts of Pennsylvania and in federal courts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Southern District of New York, and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Arianna J. Freeman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Since 2009 Ms. Freeman has served with distinction as a litigator and managing attorney in the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She has litigated numerous cases before many of the judges in the Eastern District Court and has argued before the Court of Appeals. She is highly regarded by these judges and has a stellar reputation among the lawyers who have litigated with and against her. Ms. Freeman is a brilliant and meticulous writer and effective advocate who is intimately familiar with all aspects of federal procedure and statutory and case law. In addition to her practice experience, she also clerked for two distinguished federal district court judges – James T. Giles and C. Darnell Jones.

Ms. Freeman's distinguished practice career, along with her superb academic credentials from Swarthmore College and Yale Law School alone make her especially qualified to serve on the Court of Appeals. However, as a Black woman, her appointment would be a first for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and would rectify, in part, the historic underrepresentation of Black women in the federal judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. E. Singley".

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