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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
United States Senate
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**Re: *Arianna J. Freeman, Esquire*
 *Judicial Nominee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit***

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write as former Presidents of the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, an organization of African-American attorneys, in support of United States Court of Appeals Nominee Arianna Freeman.

Our range of practice varies from corporate law to government and public service, and encompasses firms of all sizes. Some of us know Ms. Freeman personally and others among us are aware of her outstanding credentials and reputation. Ms. Freeman's qualifications for the Circuit are exemplary. A graduate of the Yale Law School, Ms. Freeman clerked for two distinguished United States District Court Judges, former Chief Judge James T. Giles and the Honorable C. Darnell Jones, II. Ms. Freeman's experience, having been lead or co-counsel in twenty-eight appeals to the Circuit and having argued seven cases, one of which was *en banc*, demonstrates the depth of experience we should expect from our Judges. Moreover, given the nature of Ms. Freeman's work, where federal post-conviction matters are civil cases, she has a working command of both the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal procedure.

We also must recognize and appreciate the need for diversity on our Court. Upon confirmation, Ms. Freeman would serve as the first African-American woman to sit on the Circuit, a long overdue recognition.

We applaud the President's nomination and seek a prompt confirmation process.

Respectfully,

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