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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Room 3-221, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chair Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Room 3-230, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

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

I am writing to support President Biden's nomination of Delaware Supreme Court Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves to serve as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Justice Montgomery-Reeves has impeccable credentials, a strong work ethic, and has earned a reputation of fairness in her work. Her experiences as a judicial law clerk in the Delaware Court of Chancery, the nation's preeminent business court, a corporate litigator for eight years, a Vice Chancellor on the Delaware Court of Chancery for four years, and a Justice on the Supreme Court of Delaware since December 2019, demonstrate her qualifications to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Montgomery-Reeves worked as a corporate litigator in two national law firms. She was a partner in the Wilmington, Delaware office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and, before that, practiced at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York. Justice Montgomery-Reeves has been admitted to the bar in good standing in Delaware, New York, Georgia, and the United States District Court in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves has exhibited her commitment to justice, connection to community, and her passion for service in numerous ways. While in private practice, Justice Montgomery-Reeves served on a subcommittee of the Delaware Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission and on the Delaware Court of Chancery's Rules Committee. She has also received recognition for her contributions to pro bono service. Justice Montgomery-Reeves serves as a member of the Delaware Community Foundation board of directors. She has served as a keynote speaker, presenter, or panelist in numerous speaking engagements throughout the country. Justice Montgomery-Reeves also has experience teaching law school courses that focus on developments in corporate law.

In 2019, Justice Montgomery-Reeves became the first African American sworn in as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Delaware. She achieved this esteemed position because of her experience, integrity, and her work on the Court of Chancery. Her writing reflects someone with a strong intellect, good common sense, and a keen sense of justice. She acknowledges how lucky she was to have good parents and mentors to assist her along the way. With those blessings, she has embraced her obligation to serve and developed a reputation as a judicial officer who is well-respected and well-liked. Justice Montgomery-Reeves' legal experiences, speaking engagements, and committee service show her willingness to take on the difficult work needed to ensure meaningful access to justice as well as transparency into the judicial system.

I wholeheartedly endorse Delaware Supreme Court Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves' nomination to serve as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and strongly encourage her confirmation.

Sincerely,

John C. Carney

Governor, State of Delaware