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The Honorable Mitchell McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Chairman Committee on the Judiciary 290 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Charles Schumer Minority Leader United States Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

## **Dear Senators:**

Please accept this letter in enthusiastic support of the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Barrett is an exceptional appellate judge and accomplished scholar. Importantly, Judge Barrett hews to the rule of law and interprets the Constitution as written and originally intended. I hope that you will speedily confirm her nomination because Judge Barrett clearly has the qualifications, experience, and judicial philosophy to succeed as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

I have watched her confirmation hearings with great interest. This letter of support is based on my observations during those hearings. Judge Barrett displayed exemplary judicial temperament and an outstanding grasp of the legal principles at issue. She also demonstrated poise and leadership under stressful circumstances. I can offer no reason as to why she should not be immediately confirmed, and hope that you will agree.

This week we have already experienced the difficulty of a Supreme Court composed of eight justices. Tie votes result in no decision at all from the Court, which, in turn, introduces uncertainty into our legal system and the rule of law. I hope that you will continue to work toward expeditiously confirming Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the vacant seat on the United States Supreme Court. I am happy to answer any questions you may have at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and expedited consideration of this confirmation.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE G. WASDEN

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cc: Senator James Risch Senator Mike Crapo