

March 15, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
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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: Letter in Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, Nominee for Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

Dear Senators:

We write to you as a group of Attorneys General in strong support of the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States, echoing the strong bipartisan praise of our colleagues as stated in their March 10, 2022, letter to the Committee. Judge Jackson is a highly qualified legal mind, who has been at the forefront of the legal field for decades and will serve our nation well as the first Black woman Supreme Court Justice. We strongly believe that Judge Jackson exhibits the “extraordinary qualifications, character, experience, and integrity” that President Biden stated were some of the key qualities he was seeking in the next Supreme Court Justice.

Judge Jackson will bring to the bench extensive legal experience from her work as a public defender, as Vice Chair and Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, as a federal district judge, and most recently as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Jackson attended Harvard College, where she graduated magna cum laude, and Harvard Law School, also graduating cum laude. Judge Brown has clerked for U.S District Judge Patti Saris, for Judge Bruce Selya, who served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, and her predecessor, Supreme Court Justice Breyer.

In addition to her sterling credentials, Judge Jackson’s confirmation will mark an important milestone in our nation’s history: the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. Across more than two centuries, even as we have seen Black Americans overcome serious

challenges, including racist systems, to reach some of the highest positions in our country's legal systems, their lack of representation on the highest court in the land is incongruent with our nation's demographic make-up. The Biden-Harris Administration has made monumental strides in creating a diverse judicial branch by not only nominating Judge Jackson for the Supreme Court, but also through the Administration's work in [doubling the total number of Black women to ever serve on federal appeals courts from eight to sixteen](#). This Administration's commitment to a judiciary that reflects America's diversity is worthy of recognition today and in America's history books for generations to come.

We thank you for your consideration of our views as well as the strong bipartisan support of former Attorneys General for Judge Jackson's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Respectfully,

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