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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write this letter to convey our enthusiastic and unequivocal support for the elevation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States. Over the past decade, each of us has had the honor of serving as a law clerk to Judge Jackson, and we know from experience that she has the intellect, temperament, and experience to become a formidable Supreme Court Justice.

We come from diverse backgrounds and have followed many different paths in the law and life, representing an array of political and religious beliefs, family structures, races, genders, and sexual orientations. In addition to clerking for Judge Jackson, we have clerked for federal judges who have disparate judicial ideologies and who were appointed by both Democratic and Republican presidents. And we now work as criminal defense attorneys, federal prosecutors, agency lawyers, policymakers, law firm associates, in-house counsel, legal academics, and public interest lawyers. But no matter our diversity of experiences, we all have at least one thing in common: we can think of no one better personally or professionally qualified for the Supreme Court than Judge Jackson.

Judge Jackson's professional qualifications are extensive and extraordinary. In the early days of her legal career, she served as a law clerk for judges at every level of the federal judiciary—District Court Judge Patti B. Saris, Court of Appeals Judge Bruce M. Selya, and Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer. Judge Jackson also gained invaluable experience as an attorney in private practice, as a federal public defender, and while serving on the United States Sentencing Commission. Most recently, she has served for almost a decade as a judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Jackson is therefore no stranger to the complex, novel, and highly consequential

questions of law that Supreme Court Justices face, nor to the real, human impact that court decisions have.

Judge Jackson's personal life has also prepared her for a seat on the Supreme Court. Born in the nation's capital to two public school teachers, she attended public high school in Miami, Florida, participating on the speech and debate team and becoming a national oratory champion. She met her husband Patrick Jackson while in college, and they raised two incredible daughters while both pursuing careers outside the home. Judge Jackson's professional trajectory cannot be separated from her family life, which she has balanced against the demands of her work, all while maintaining an unmatched warmth and generosity toward everyone around her. As just one small example, you will not find a former law clerk who does not fondly recall the trove of snacks that Judge Jackson and Patrick always made sure was available in chambers.

As her former law clerks, we have spent countless hours witnessing Judge Jackson's brilliance, collegiality, and tireless devotion to the rule of law. She works harder than anyone we know. She approaches each of her cases with a humble intelligence and a candid curiosity, and she thinks deeply and rigorously about every case and legal issue, regardless of who the parties are or what facts are involved. She does not shrink away from the hardest questions but instead dives in headfirst. She recognizes the fine distinctions on which many cases turn, and she genuinely enjoys exploring that nuance. When discussing these legal twists and turns with the parties, fellow judges, or her law clerks, she truly listens to varying viewpoints, believing in the benefit of competing perspectives. And she takes immense care to explain her rulings to the parties and the public, knowing that a clear understanding of her decisions will dignify the litigants who have come before her.

All that has been written about Judge Jackson, including in this letter, cannot capture her depth, complexity, and genuine humanity. Judge Jackson is one of the best people each of us has ever met, and she treats her law clerks, the parties before her, and everyone who crosses her path as worthy of attention and compassion. When we visit her chambers, she welcomes us with open arms (literally) and listens with care as we update her about our lives. She gives us candid advice about our careers and how to balance those careers with our families, friends, and other passions and ambitions. She celebrates us and pushes us to find our own paths.

Clerking for Judge Jackson was an unforgettable and life-changing experience. She made us better people and better lawyers. And there is no question in our minds that she would prove an outstanding Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of the United States. We unconditionally support her nomination and urge you to confirm her.

Respectfully submitted,

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