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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

<u>Intersections of Our Lives</u> is a Reproductive Justice collaborative of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda (In Our Own Voice), National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), and National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice (Latina Institute), three women-of-color led national Reproductive Justice organizations with federal and statewide presence. We write to express our strong support of the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

As advocates for Reproductive Justice, we recognize the cumulative impact of multiple forms of oppression in people's lives. Our broad approach is driven by the intersectional lived experiences of women of color, one that Judge Jackson, along with her diverse and impressive legal career, will bring to the highest federal court. The U.S. Senate has previously confirmed Judge Jackson with bipartisan support to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. During this time, she has earned an exemplary reputation as an outstanding, fair-minded arbiter of justice.

Prior to her judicial service, she built a diverse career both in the public and private sectors, serving as vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, as an assistant federal public defender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the District of Columbia, as an assistant special counsel at the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and in private practice, as counsel at Morrison & Foerster and as an associate at the Feinberg Group, Goodwin Procter, and Miller, Cassidy, Larocca & Lewin. As a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, she has also clerked for Judge Patti Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Judge Bruce Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the Supreme Court. Judge Jackson's vast experience and record make her eminently qualified to serve on the nation's highest court.

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As Reproductive Justice organizations, this nomination marks a milestone for our judicial system. If confirmed, Judge Jackson would be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. To date, there have only been three justices of color and five justices who identify as women. It is essential that the Supreme Court reflects the lived experiences of all the people it serves, and this nomination is an important step towards that goal.

We urge for the swift confirmation of Judge Jackson to serve as our next Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sincerely,

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