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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Support for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Nominee

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is with great pleasure that the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) writes in support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. As the largest tribal consortium in the Nation, with 56 federally recognized tribes as members, AVCP recognizes the importance of a U.S. Supreme Court appointee who understands and is committed to protecting the rights of all Americans, including those who have historically received inequitable and unfair treatment. Judge Jackson's breadth and depth of experience and record of fairness makes her an excellent choice to sit on our Nation's highest Court.

Judge Jackson's experience includes her current position on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as well as serving as a federal district court judge, Vice Chair and Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, an attorney in private practice, a federal public defender, and as a former law clerk to Justice Breyer. As a district court judge, Judge Jackson wrote almost 600 opinions, and would be only the second Justice currently on the Court with trial court experience.

Because of the importance of a U.S. Supreme Court appointee with a history of excellence who reflects the rich experience and diversity of the United States, Judge Jackson enjoys wide bipartisan support, including: state attorneys general, law enforcement organizations, crime victim survivors and advocates, fellow jurists, tribes and tribal organizations, and others. She has also been confirmed by the Senate on a bipartisan basis three times, including as recently as last year.

Nunaput umyuallgutkut pinirluteng-Ilu, Tegganerput qigcikliki pirkakluki-Ilu, ayagyuaput-Ilu ciuliqagcimaui yuuyarakun.
Our Tribes are united and strong, our Elders are respected and valued, and our youth are guided by Yuuyaraq.

Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Andreafski, Aniak, Atnautluak, Bethel, Bill Moore's Sl., Chefomak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk, Chuloonawick, Crooked Creek, Eek, Emmonak, Georgetown, Goodnews Bay, Hamilton, Hooper Bay, Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kodik, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lime Village, Marshall, Mekoryuk, Mtn. Village, Napaimute, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Newtok, Nighthute, Nunakauyak, Nunam Iqua, Nunapitchuk, Ohogamiut, Oscarville, Paimiut, Pilot Station, Pitka's Point, Platinum, Quinhagak, Red Devil, Russian Mission, Scammon Bay, Sleetmute, St. Mary's, Stony River, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Tununak, Umkumiut

We hope that the United States Senate will move forward expeditiously with a fair and timely confirmation hearing for Judge Jackson. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at (907) 543.7304 or vkorthuis@avcp.org.

Quyana,

THE ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivian Korthuis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vivian Korthuis
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
The Honorable Dan Sullivan