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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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Re: Letter in Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the
Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Senators Durbin, Grassley, Schumer, McConnell, Rubio, and Scott:

In 1994, the President nominated an academically distinguished judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, who had previously served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, to become an associate justice of the Supreme Court. The Senate confirmed that nominee, Stephen Breyer, by a vote of 87 to 9. We believe there is no reason why Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Biden's nominee to succeed Justice Breyer, should not receive the same broad and bipartisan support.

Like Justice Breyer, Judge Jackson excelled in the most rigorous academic environments, graduating magna cum laude from Harvard College and with honors from Harvard Law School. Like Justice Breyer, she obtained one of the few unimpeachable credentials in the legal profession, a clerkship on the U.S. Supreme Court. Like Justice Breyer, Judge Jackson also served as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and both were judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals immediately before their nominations.

Judge Jackson also brings a unique blend of personal and professional experiences to the law. She worked both in private practice at some of the nation's largest law firms, representing corporations and business interests, and as a federal public defender, representing the indigent. She brings much-needed experience to the high court as a federal district judge, presiding over trials, managing busy dockets, and sentencing criminal defendants.

Judge Jackson has also developed a hard-earned reputation for collegiality and consensus building, and fits squarely within the mainstream of American legal thought. She worked across the political aisle as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission to reach bipartisan decisions

about sentencing policy. As Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, who served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission with Judge Jackson, told the *New York Times*, “We worked by consensus, and that is the tradition of the sentencing commission. Virtually all of our votes were unanimous and data-driven.”

Judge Jackson would make an exceptional nominee regardless of where she was raised. But as leaders in the legal community in Florida, we take special pride in the fact that Judge Jackson is a daughter of Florida, one of the most international and culturally rich states in the union. Even as a student at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Judge Jackson stood out among her peers as a leader in a community that included culturally diverse students from African-American, Cuban-American, and Jewish homes. Her journey as the daughter of public school teachers to the highest levels of American law attests to the promise of America.

We urge the Senate to evaluate Judge Jackson’s broad and impressive experience on a non-partisan basis and, after doing so, to confirm her to the U.S. Supreme Court by a wide margin, as it did for Justice Breyer 27 years ago.

Sincerely,*

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