

National Organization for Women



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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

On behalf of the National Organization for Women's hundreds of chapters and state leaders as well as hundreds of thousands of members and supporters, I wish to express our wholehearted support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, a great American. We urge the committee to endorse this exceptionally well-qualified nominee for the Supreme Court and hope that the Senate will swiftly confirm her.

That Judge Jackson possesses the most well-rounded professional experience ever for a nominee to the high court is a tribute to her strong motivation to be of service. Judge Jackson's testimony and her judicial record prove she will approach cases guided by a sound methodology of analyzing the facts, the law, and record of the case. Judge Jackson has made it clear that she is a fair and unbiased justice. The Supreme Court will benefit from a justice who is disciplined and hard-working – the more than 550 opinions that she authored during her tenure as a district judge attests to that.

We believe that the Court must better reflect the broader population of the nation that it serves and will benefit from the presence of a Black woman who has encountered racial prejudice, is aware of the systemic patterns of discrimination that persist in many communities, and who has – nonetheless – achieved high professional standing. Judge Jackson will bring a fresh viewpoint as someone who senses the full diversity of this country. She is also an inspiration to millions of young women.

However, it is a sad commentary that some members of the committee would use the confirmation process to harangue a nominee and distort the facts. We can only think of the contrast between the Committee's consideration of Amy Coney Barrett with that of the present nominee. We regretfully conclude that it is apparently the view of some members that it is acceptable to be harsher, more critical, disrespectful, and misleading when the nominee is a Black woman. Our nation deserves better.

Sincerely,

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