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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

September 30, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Thank you for your swift action to nominate and fill the open seat on the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is of utmost importance that the Supreme Court has a full nine-member court before Election Day on November 3, 2020. Maintaining the integrity and credibility of our elections is of paramount significance to each state's respective chief election official. Americans must be able to exercise their constitutional right to vote with confidence, knowing their ballot will be counted for the candidate of their choice.

In the case an election issue is challenged in court, America cannot afford a tie vote. We must be able to report election results in a timely, secure, and efficient manner as has been done before.

The Honorable Amy Coney Barrett is an outstanding nominee for consideration to fill a position for a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States. She brings with her an unblemished record and extensive experience as a litigator and distinguished professor of law at the University of Notre Dame. Her philosophy and tried and true beliefs of upholding the constitution and the laws of our nation as written make her an excellent choice for our nation's highest court. It is her strong belief that judges are not policymakers, nor judicial activists, and judges at all levels must set aside any personal, political or policy views and follow and interpret the rule of law. Judge Amy Coney Barrett is a great example of the type individual we need on our highest court.

I urge you to work with the United States Senate to see that the Judge Barrett is confirmed before November 3 – thus ensuring Americans can freely participate in honest elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thurston".

John Thurston
Secretary of State

JT/sjb