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

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Nomination of the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson as Circuit Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to you and to the Members of the Committee in support of the nomination of the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson to be a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We had the honor of serving as law clerks during the Supreme Court's October Term 1999, and were colleagues of Judge Jackson during that Term. We have followed many different paths since our clerkships, in private practice, government service, academia, and business. And our positions on politics and judicial philosophy vary widely. Yet we all write to support Judge Jackson's nomination, because we know her to be eminently qualified in intellect, character, and experience.

We worked closely with Judge Jackson during our year at the Court. In collaborating with her on the work of the Court, we came to know both her sharp intellect and her caring personality. Judge Jackson brought professionalism, integrity, and a welcome sense of humor to the work of a clerk—work that is often intense and challenging. We have great respect for her legal abilities, her work ethic, and her ability to work with colleagues of both like and differing views. And we appreciate that Judge Jackson treated everyone who worked at the Court with respect and kindness.

Since our time together at the Court, Judge Jackson has distinguished herself in many different roles—in private practice, as a federal public defender, as Vice Chair of the Sentencing Commission, and most recently as a federal judge on the District Court for the District of Columbia. Her experiences in all these positions will serve Judge Jackson well in her new role as a court of appeals judge.

Judge Jackson is fully qualified for the position of Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Based on our experience of clerking with her, we believe that Judge Jackson will make an excellent addition to the court of appeals.

Very truly yours,

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Law Clerk to Justice Kennedy (OT 1999)

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Law Clerk to Chief Justice Rehnquist (OT 1999)

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Law Clerk to Chief Justice Rehnquist (OT 1999)

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Law Clerk to Justice Kennedy (OT 1999)

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