

April 26, 2021

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 180,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I write to express our support for the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. NCJW has been fighting for the rights of women, children, and families for over 125 years, and celebrates Jackson's record championing issues such as reproductive health care, civil rights, disability rights, and labor rights throughout her career.

In 2013, Jackson was unanimously confirmed to the United States District Court in the District of Columbia, where she made a number of important rulings. She supported workers' rights by invalidating attempts to limit collective bargaining in *AFGE, AFL-CIO v. Trump*; overturned attempts to terminate federal funding for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program — a critical educational program; and upheld the Americans with Disabilities Act in *Pierce v. District of Columbia*, ruling that prison officials had acted with "deliberate indifference" when they denied a deaf inmate's request for reasonable accommodations. Further, Jackson rejected the Trump administration's claim of absolute immunity for a former White House counsel by stating "presidents are not kings," illustrating her commitment to a nonpartisan and independent judiciary that protects the constitution.

During her tenure as an Assistant Special Counsel on the US Sentencing Commission, Jackson reduced sentencing minimum guidelines for crack cocaine related offences. She later represented low-income appellants before the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit as an Assistant Federal Public Defender.

The Jewish value of *tzedek tzedek tirdof*, the pursuit of justice, obligates us to strive for a just judiciary. Federal judges are important decision-makers, whose rulings impact the day-to-day lives of millions of people — and so they must be fair, independent, and qualified. Jackson's record demonstrates her commitment to equal justice for all under the law.

NCJW strongly urges you to support the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Sincerely,



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