

October 12, 2020

The Honorable A. Mitchell McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Judge Amy Coney Barrett

Dear Senators,

We are writing this letter on behalf of Judge Amy Coney Barrett in favor of her confirmation to the Supreme Court of the United States. Our experiences as students in Judge Barrett's Statutory Interpretation class this semester have made us confident that she is an excellent nominee.

Judge Barrett has served both of us as an academic mentor, a fair and open-minded teacher, and a role model of unwavering kindness. We have witnessed Judge Barrett's commitment to the Constitution and rule of law, not to a political party or particular outcome, in her academic work and her leadership in the classroom. And so we have chosen to write this letter of support together, both *in spite of* and *because of* our different political and legal philosophies. Our ideological differences do not affect our evaluation of Judge Barrett as a nominee—we are confident that Judge Barrett's time on the Court would be marked by the same integrity and fairness that we have experienced as her students.

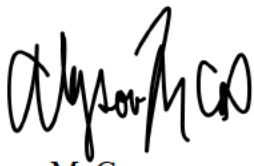
Judge Barrett is an excellent professor. She treats every student with respect, courtesy, and kindness, and her classroom fosters an environment ripe for intellectual curiosity and growth. Judge Barrett never imposes her own views on her students; rather, she clearly and persuasively presents both sides of every argument to help students fully develop their own ideas. She challenges students of all judicial philosophies equally, conducting her classroom with profound fairness and incredible academic rigor.

Most remarkably, Judge Barrett is generous with her time. Even with her responsibilities to the bench and to her family, she is always willing to meet with any student outside of class. Judge

Barrett was quick to set up zoom meetings with anyone throughout this semester, maintaining her commitment to developing student relationships even when in-person discussion wasn't an option. It was there that we learned that her heart, not her mind, is what truly sets her apart. Judge Barrett is equally interested in her students' personal lives as she is in their academic development. It is clear in every interaction that the personal and professional development of every student is paramount to her.

We have no doubt that Judge Barrett would make a tremendous Supreme Court Justice. Her caring heart and her sharp mind have made her a pillar of the Notre Dame community. We know that these qualities will also make her an amazing addition to the Supreme Court. Judge Barrett will serve the country with the same honor, integrity, and commitment that has marked her time as our professor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyson M. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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