

June 8, 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 Veronica S. Rossman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

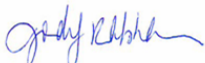
Rossman has represented over 250 indigent clients at both the trial and appellate level in her more than 12 years as a federal public defender, including several cases where she was successful in getting sentences vacated or reduced for people who were facing significant time in prison for nonviolent offenses, despite having no prior criminal record. Additionally, she has been a proponent of more humane sentencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, from writing about the unsatisfactory health conditions of federal detention centers to advising other attorneys on securing compassionate release and home confinement for clients in poor health.

In addition to her extensive record as a public defender, Rossman brings a critical perspective to the federal bench as an immigrant whose family fled Russia in her early childhood due to antisemitic persecution. In a moment when religious liberty is at the center of many debates and antisemitism is steadily increasing within the United States, Rossman's personal background brings a crucial perspective to a court that frequently hears religious discrimination and religious liberty cases.

For more than 20 years, NCJW has been working for a fair and independent judiciary with an unwavering commitment to constitutional rights. Rossman's background and experience more than fit our criteria — she would be a welcome addition to our federal appellate courts.

NCJW urges you to support the nomination of Veronica S. Rossman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Sincerely,



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