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The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

Thank you for your service to our nation on the Senate's Committee on the Judiciary. Much of the work your committee does is of immense importance to the American people.

The consideration of presidential nominations to our federal courts is a weighty responsibility; even more so nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is vitally important the right people are confirmed to rule from our highest court. For this reason, we are so pleased President Trump has nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the current opening at the Supreme Court.

The process you are about to begin should be thorough, transparent, and focused on determining whether Judge Barrett is qualified to be a Supreme Court justice. Many people from varying political viewpoints have suggested that your committee should apply litmus tests to judicial nominees to determine their religious beliefs, their political views, and their intent or desire to rule one way or another on specific issues. Doing so would be harmful to this process.

Instead, the Committee's primary responsibility is to ascertain whether Judge Barrett possesses the qualities of a fair and impartial justice. Specifically, senators should focus on her commitment to the Constitution, her faithfulness to giving every American a fair hearing, her intellectual capacity, her judicial philosophy, and her resistance to rewriting our laws from the bench. By all accounts, Judge Barrett meets and exceeds these legitimate tests. She is fair, honest, compassionate, faithful to the law, intellectually exceptional, and can be trusted to serve our nation on our highest court.

Americans deserve a Supreme Court with justices who will serve them, not rule over them. Judge Amy Coney Barrett is a jurist of the highest quality and a dedicated servant to her fellow Americans. We support her nomination to the Supreme Court and are confident your committee will find her to be an excellent and well-qualified person to serve our country.

Respectfully,
Jessica Anderson
Executive Director