

March 7, 2022

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

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Grassley:

President Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be our nation's next Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States marks an important milestone in our national story.

As members of the law enforcement community, we write in recognition of Judge Jackson's strong, effective and long-standing role in criminal justice issues. It starts from the personal, Judge Jackson comes from a law enforcement family. Such direct familiarity with the experiences and challenges of law enforcement enriches her understanding of criminal justice issues. All police officers have a duty to protect the public. Judge Jackson knows that, and she brings the personal perspective of having a family member on patrol and in the line of danger.

Judge Jackson's professional experiences as a Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission offers a practical familiarity with these important issues. Nothing substitutes for practical experience. We also recognize her approach on the Commission was one of listening to all voices and stakeholders – a record both exemplary and effective. Good faith engagement with all perspectives is the best way to forge lasting solutions.

Judge Jackson brings a depth of academic, public service, and judicial service that leads to but one conclusion – she is eminently qualified to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. She graduated from Harvard Law School. She has front-line experience as a federal public defender. Her 8 years of service as a federal trial judge, and confirmation by the United States Senate to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia illustrates her exemplary judicial record.

In sum, as law enforcement leaders, we offer our recognition of Judge Jackson's strong qualifications to serve the nation's highest court and urge her historic confirmation to proceed without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Scott Thomson, former Camden County Police Chief; former President of PERF

Charles Ramsey, former DC Police Chief and Philadelphia Police Commissioner, former President of PERF and Major Cities Chiefs Association

Gil Kerlikowske, former Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department, former President of PERF and Major Cities Chiefs Association

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Atkinson, Eric, Police Chief, Menomonie, WI 2012-present

Beth McCann, Denver District Attorney Denver, Colorado 2017- present

Bratton, William, Police Commissioner, Boston, 1993; Police Commissioner, New York, 1994-1996; 2014-2016; Police Chief, Los Angeles Police Department, 2002-2009

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Dowd, Edward Jr, United States Attorney Eastern District of Missouri,1993-1999, Deputy Special Counsel

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Fred Fletcher, Police Chief, Chattanooga (TN), retired

Friedman, Barry, Faculty Director, Policing Project at NYU School of Law (2014 - Present)

Gainer, Terrance, 38th United State Sergeant at Arms (2007-2014); Chief of Police, United States Capitol (2002-2006); Executive Chief of Police, Washington DC (1998-2002); Director, Illinois State Police (1991-1998)

Doug Gansler, Maryland Attorney General, 2007-2015

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Hall, Renee', Chief of Police, Dallas TX, 2017-2020

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Roman, Ivonne, Former Police Chief (Newark, NJ), co-founder of 30x30initiative.org, co-founder American Society of Evidence-Based Policing

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Walsh, John, U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, 2010-2016

Wilson, Charles, Immediate Past Chairman, National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers, Inc.

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