

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, Nominee for the Supreme Court.

Dear Senators:

We, the undersigned former Attorneys General of the states and jurisdictions, write to express our strong support for President Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson, who currently serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, has outstanding qualifications to serve on the Supreme Court. Her impressive legal career has provided her with many opportunities; and she has experienced the justice system from all perspectives - as a federal appellate judge, district court judge, vice-chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, private practitioner, assistant public defender, and U.S. Supreme Court clerk for Associate Justice Stephen Breyer. Her outstanding academic credentials, integrity, and commitment to following the facts, impartiality, fairness, and the rule of law are the qualities essential to serving on the Supreme Court.

As former Attorneys General who served as the chief legal officer of our respective states and jurisdictions, we comprise a diverse group of individuals with differing legal backgrounds and experiences with our justice system. Our ranks include a former President, two Vice-Presidents, Governors, Secretaries of State, legislators, private practitioners, public defenders, State Supreme Court Justices, state court trial judges, U.S. Attorneys, Cabinet Secretaries, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives.

We understand and appreciate the qualifications and background that nominees for the Supreme Court should possess, and Judge Jackson has them all, including:

- Extensive legal experience, both criminal and civil, with a deep understanding of law and its impact
- Ability to examine issues from multiple perspectives, following the facts with fairness and integrity

- Outstanding academic background

Judge Jackson has been confirmed by the Senate on a bipartisan basis three times, including last year, 2021, when she was confirmed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve her nomination as quickly as possible, with a Senate final confirmation vote to follow shortly thereafter.

Thank you for the consideration of our views.

Respectfully,

Robert Abrams
New York

Thurbert Baker
Georgia

Frankie Sue Del Papa
Nevada

Peter Harvey
New Jersey

Hubert H. Humphrey, III
Minnesota

George Jepsen
Connecticut

Lisa Madigan
Illinois

Patricia Madrid
New Mexico

Dustin McDaniel
Arkansas

Jeff Modisett
Indiana

Mike Moore
Mississippi

Ronald Amemiya
Hawaii

Jeff Amestoy
Vermont

Paul Bardacke
New Mexico

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Alabama

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Massachusetts

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Alaska

Margery Bronster
Hawaii

Richard Bryan (former U.S. Senator)
Nevada

Roland Burris (former U.S. Senator)
Illinois

Bob Butterworth
Florida

Bonnie Campbell
Iowa

Pamela Carter
Indiana

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Kentucky

Steve Clark
Arkansas

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Tennessee

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Jack Conway
Kentucky

Robert Cooper
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Joe Curran
Maryland

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Terry Goddard
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Jan Graham
Utah

Christine Gregoire
Washington

Scott Harshbarger
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Heidi Heitkamp (former U.S. Senator)
North Dakota

Jim Hood
Mississippi

Jim Jones
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Peter Kilmartin
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Maine

Janet Napolitano
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Cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee