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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Re: Nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States. We are a diverse group of law professors who represent a broad range of fields and perspectives. We also hold widely differing views about the President and the timing of this nomination. We share the belief, however, that Judge Barrett is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States, and we urge the Senate to confirm her as an Associate Justice.

Judge Barrett has outstanding credentials for this position. She received her undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* from Rhodes College and her law degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame, where she finished first in her law school class. She served as a law clerk to Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and to Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supreme Court. After her clerkships, she practiced law in trial and appellate litigation in Washington, D.C., at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin and at Baker Botts. She began serving as a law professor at the University of Notre Dame in 2002, and as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 2017.

As a legal scholar, Judge Barrett has distinguished herself as an expert in procedure, interpretation, federal courts, and constitutional law. She has published several important and influential articles on these topics in leading journals. Although we have differing perspectives on the methods and conclusions in her scholarship, we all agree that her contributions are rigorous, fair-minded, respectful, and constructive. Her work demonstrates a thorough understanding of

the issues and challenges that federal courts confront. In addition, we admire her strong commitment to public service, including her work as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure from 2010 to 2016. And Judge Barrett has served the judiciary with honor and distinction since her appointment to the federal appellate bench in 2017.

In short, Judge Barrett's qualifications for a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States are stellar. She enjoys wide respect for her careful work, fair-minded disposition, and personal integrity. We strongly urge her confirmation by the Senate.*

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