

March 3, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Re: Nomination of the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to express our support of the nomination of the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

We had the honor of serving as law clerks during the Supreme Court's October Term 1999. And in that capacity, we had the privilege of working with Judge Jackson, who was a law clerk to Justice Stephen Breyer. We have followed many different paths since our clerkships in, among other things, private practice, government service, academia, and business, and we hold diverse points of view on politics, judicial philosophy, and much else. Yet we all support Judge Jackson's nomination to the Supreme Court because we know her to be eminently qualified for this role in intellect, character, and experience.

During our Term at the Court, we had the opportunity to work closely with Judge Jackson on a host of some of the most significant and contested issues of the times. Throughout, we came to know Judge Jackson as someone of exceptional intellectual gifts and unimpeachable character who approached her work with great care and professionalism. She likewise impressed each of us with her thoughtfulness and collegial manner. We have great respect for her legal abilities, her work ethic, and her ability to work with others, regardless of their differing views. We likewise appreciate that Judge Jackson treated every person working at the Court during our Term with respect and kindness.

Since our time together at the Court, Judge Jackson has distinguished herself in many different roles—in private practice, as a federal public defender, as Vice Chair of the Sentencing Commission, and most recently as a federal judge on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Jackson's long record of excellence and public service—combined with her experiences in these positions—will serve her well as an Associate Justice.

For all these reasons, we applaud Judge Jackson's historic nomination and hope the Senate will confirm her in due course to be the next Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sincerely,

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