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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 180,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I write to express our support for the nomination of Tiffany Cunningham to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The Federal Circuit renders decisions that impact the day-to-day lives of millions of people by determining which cases involving patents, answering big questions of online security and privacy in a digital age, and addressing ethical questions pertaining to developing new biotechnologies. Yet, only a handful of judges on the Federal Circuit have technical backgrounds.

Tiffany Cunningham's 20-year history of patent law, combined with her training as a chemical engineer, uniquely qualify her for a lifetime appointment to the Federal Circuit. She is a registered patent attorney before the US Patent and Trademark office with years of experience in patent and intellectual property law. She has litigated everything from trade secrets in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries to consumer products cases to technology such as computer network security and online streaming platforms. Cunningham would bring a critical perspective as a trained engineer to a court that deals with issues of technology, science, and medicine.

Jewish teachings discuss the importance of appointing judges who are well-prepared for their role, going so far as to say that an ill-prepared judge lacking thorough knowledge is akin to one of the greatest sins. Given her background and decades of experience, Tiffany Cunningham could not be better prepared or more qualified for the role of a federal judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

NCJW urges you to support the nomination of Tiffany Cunningham to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Sincerely,

Jody Rabhan
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