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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:

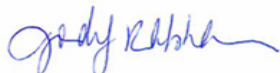
On behalf of the 200,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Arianna Freeman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. For three decades, NCJW has advocated for judicial nominees who are fair, independent, qualified, and reflect the communities they serve. Arianna Freeman more than meets our criteria.

Ms. Freeman has dedicated her entire legal career to public service. She is a Managing Attorney with the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a position she has held since 2016. She has worked at the Federal Community Defender Office since 2009, including as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Non-Capital Habeas Unit from 2014 to 2016. Ms. Freeman clerked for Judge C. Darnell Jones II from 2008 to 2009, and Judge James T. Giles from 2007 to 2008, both on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She received her JD from Yale Law School in 2007, and her BA, with honors, from Swarthmore College in 2001.

If confirmed, Ms. Freeman would become the third active woman on the Third Circuit and the first woman of color to serve on this bench. Currently, the circuit is overwhelmingly white and male and the majority populations of this court, covering Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Virgin Islands, is comprised of people of color and women. Further, we know that our circuit courts cover consequential issues like voting rights, reproductive, and workers' rights — and are often the last word on these and other rights. That is why the judges who sit in these lifetime positions must be dedicated to equal justice under the law and bring a real-world perspective to the cases that come before them. It helps increase confidence in our judiciary and ensures fairer decisions. Ms. Freeman's background as a public defender and commitment to the Constitution would serve the Third Circuit well.

Based on her experience, intellect, and temperament, we believe Arianna Freeman would make an excellent judge on the Third Circuit and urge the Senate to swiftly confirm her.

Sincerely,



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