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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 Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the US Supreme Court. NCJW has been fighting for the rights of women, children, and families for over 125 years, and celebrates Jackson's record championing issues such as reproductive health care, civil rights, disability rights, and labor rights throughout her career.

NCJW supported Judge Jackson's nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, to which she was confirmed in June 2021 with bipartisan support. In 2013, Jackson was unanimously confirmed to the United States District Court in the District of Columbia, where she made a number of important rulings. She supported workers' rights by invalidating attempts to limit collective bargaining in *AFGE, AFL-CIO v. Trump*; overturned attempts to terminate federal funding for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program — a critical educational program; and upheld the Americans with Disabilities Act in *Pierce v. District of Columbia*, ruling that prison officials had acted with "deliberate indifference" when they denied a deaf inmate's request for reasonable accommodations. Further, Jackson rejected the Trump administration's claim of absolute immunity for a former White House counsel by stating "presidents are not kings," illustrating her commitment to a nonpartisan and independent judiciary that protects the constitution.

During her tenure as an Assistant Special Counsel on the US Sentencing Commission, Jackson reduced sentencing minimum guidelines for crack cocaine related offences. She later represented low-income appellants before the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit as an Assistant Federal Public Defender.

NCJW believes in a federal judiciary that is of and for the people. We hold a vision of a Supreme Court that reflects the country it serves and dismantles legacies of white supremacy by being composed of fair, impartial, and qualified justices who represent the diversity of America and are committed to equal justice for all. A high court that looks more like the country it serves can help dismantle systems of power and oppression through the cases it chooses to hear — and those it chooses not to hear — as well as by its decisions. As people of faith, we have a moral obligation to ensure Justices on our highest court are committed to equality under the law. Judge Jackson is that Justice.

Without hesitation, NCJW urges you to support the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the US Supreme Court.

Sincerely,



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