

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

April 13, 2021

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

We went to college with Kristen Clarke. She was compassionate and respectful towards people of all backgrounds. She is an inspired choice to lead the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

We studied at Harvard College with Kristen Clarke. We knew her to be deeply committed to principles of justice and equality, as she has been ever since. Kristen consistently treated people from all walks of life with kindness and respect. In her work with the Black Students Association, the Phillips Brooks House Association (dedicated to community service), and the Institute of Politics, Kristen fostered dialogue and collaboration across lines of race, class, religion, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

Kristen served as a wise and guiding light to many of us in college. She created space for us to engage and learn from one another, and to forge relationships and community across our many identities and perspectives.

Her remarkable career as an advocate and civil rights leader came as no surprise. Today, we join together in full support of Kristen's nomination to lead the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She is who families and communities need to lead us forward at this pivotal moment in our nation's history.

The signatories of this statement include students from the many racial, ethnic, and religious communities on campus during Kristen's tenure (1993-1997) at Harvard. We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents living in neighborhoods across America, and united in our support for Kristen's nomination.

Sincerely,

Vivek Maru, Harvard Class of 1997 (Class Marshal; Political Chair, South Asian Association)

Anurima Bhargava, Harvard Class of 1996 (President, South Asian Association; Institute of Politics; Phillips Brooks House Association)

Kishka McClain, Harvard Class of 1997

Anupam Mishra, Harvard Class of 1998 (Class Marshal)

Allyson Hobbs, Harvard Class of 1997 (Class Marshal)

Peter S. Cahn, Harvard Class of 1996 (Class Marshal)

Alvin Bragg, Harvard Class of 1995 (Class Marshal)

Eli Aheto, Harvard Class of 1997 (Class Marshal)

Michael H. Pine (Goldenpine), Harvard Class of 1995

A. Omiyinka Doris, Harvard Class of 1997

Florencia Greer Polite, MD, Harvard Class of 1997 (Harvard Black Students Association Board Member '93-'97)

Olamide Jarrett, Harvard Class of 1997

Marco Simons, Harvard Class of 1997

Mynette Louie, Harvard Class of 1997 (Education-Political Chair, Asian American Association; Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Program; Phillips Brooks House Association)

Irene Cheng, Harvard Class of 1997 (Co-President, Asian American Association)

Corinne Funk Hammons, Harvard Class of 1997

Adam Hootnick, Harvard Class of 1997

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Alison L. Moore, Harvard Class of 1997

Ubong “Bobby” Edemeka, Harvard Class of 1997

Crescent Muhammad, Harvard Class of 1997

Mia Esther Alpert, Harvard Class of 1999 (Cofounder, Harvardwood)

Jennifer Ching, Harvard Class of 1996 (Co-President, Asian American Association)

Michaela M Prasad, Harvard Class of 1999

Peter B. Albers, Harvard Class of 1997 (Harvard Baseball Captain, '97)

Aaron Myers, Harvard Class of 1997

Julie C. Suk, Harvard Class of 1997

Andrew K. Sachs, Harvard Class of 1997

Kamil Shields, Harvard Class of 2000

Nisha Botchwey, Harvard Class of 1997 (Black Student Alliance, Harvard Caribbean Club)

Vikaas Singh Sohal, Harvard Class of 1997 (President, South Asian Association)

Oba McMillan, Harvard Class of 1995

Caprice Corona, Harvard Class of 1997

Elizabeth Zacharias, Harvard Class of 1997

Carolyn Magill, Harvard Class of 1997

Shilpa Jain, Harvard Class of 1998

Jamil Myrie, Harvard Class of 1997

Trenton Allen, Harvard Class of 1997

Tifarah Allen, Harvard Class of 1999

Derrick N. Ashong, Harvard Class of 1997 (President, Black Students Association; Founder, Black Men's Forum; Member, Harvard African Students Association)

Vanessa Liu, Harvard Class of 1996 (Institute of Politics)

Kweli Washington, Harvard Class of 1997

Adey Fisseha, Harvard Class of 1995 (Co-President Harvard African Students Association)

Jason Opeña Disterhoft, Harvard Class of 1997

Ana Cepin, Harvard Class of 1995

Kisha Marzouca, Harvard Class of 1995

Jared S. Leake, Harvard Class of 1995

Solangel Minotta, Harvard Class of 1995

Nisha Atre Richardson, Harvard Class of 1995

Cicely Wedgeworth, Harvard Class of 1993

Sarah Dryden-Peterson, Harvard Class of 1997

Paul J. Rowe MD ATSF, Harvard Class of 1995 (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.)

Kelli Y. English, Harvard Class of 1997

Traci English-Clarke, Harvard Class of 1999

Moupali Das, Harvard Class of 1996

Carmen O'Shea, Harvard Class of 1997

Daveena Ma, Harvard Class of 1997

Tjada D'Oyen McKenna, Harvard Class of 1996

Amara Balthrop-Lewis Hastings, Harvard Class of 1997

Rachel B. Tiven, Harvard Class of 1996 (Founder, Harvard Progressive Jewish Alumni)

Nadine Duplessy Kearns, Harvard Class of 1996

Eryn Ament Bingle, Harvard Class of 1995

Patricia Seo-Mayer, MD, Harvard Class of 1996

Timothy Patrick McCarthy, Harvard Class of 1993

Kecia Boulware, Harvard Class of 1996 (Black Students Association)

Jeffrey H. Tignor, Harvard Class of 1996

Modupe Akinola, Harvard Class of 1996

Dominique Day, Harvard Class of 1996 (UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, DAYLIGHT | Rule of Law • Access to Justice • Advocacy)

Rotonya Carr, MD, FACP, Harvard Class of 1996

Caroline Butler-Rahman, Harvard Class of 1996

Cary Donaldson, Harvard Class of 1996

Michelle Brooks, Harvard Class of 1996

Sandhya Rao, Harvard Class of 1996

Lindsay Tomenson, Harvard Class of 1996

Ethan Nasr, Harvard Class of 1996

Natasha D. Bir, Harvard Class of 1996

Dr. Amelia Kaplan Romanowsky, Harvard Class of 1996 (Education For Action, Harvard Hillel)

Anne Heavey Scheinfeldt, Harvard Class of 1996

Max Levasseur, Jr., Harvard Class of 1997

Sameer Bhargava, Harvard Class of 1995

John Lewis Ford, Harvard Class of 1997

Sean Coar, Harvard Class of 1997

E. Abim Thomas, Harvard Class of 1996

Emily Buxton McCann, Harvard Class of 1994 (Citizen Schools CEO, HBS '99)

Natosha Reid Rice, Harvard Class of 1993 (Elected Director, HAA)

Sozi Tulante, Harvard Class of 1997

Cassia van der Hoof Holstein, Harvard Class of 1998

Jane Kim, Harvard Class of 1996

Tiffany Graham, Harvard Class of 1996

Koma Gandy Fischbein, Harvard Class of 1995 (Chief Marshal, Harvard Class of 1995 25th Reunion)

Jennifer Burns, Harvard Class of 1997

Anne H. Charity Hudley, Harvard Class of 1998

Angela Chien, Harvard Class of 1999 (Chinese Students Association; Boston Refuge Youth Enrichment program)

Triada Stampas, Harvard Class of 1998

Renée Richardson Gosline, Harvard Class of 1996 (Association of Black Radcliffe Women, President)

Natalee Sansone MD, Harvard Class of 1996

Percival G Matthews, Harvard Class of 1997

Pratima Gupta, Harvard Class of 1996

Jerome Lee, Harvard Class of 1996

Norma Rey-Alicea, Harvard Class of 1997 (President of Fuerza Quisqueyana, Harvard's Dominican Students Association)

Zaire Dinzey-Flores, Harvard Class of 1995

Joshua Bloodworth, Harvard Class of 1997

Ian H. Solomon, Harvard Class of 1994

Dionne Fraser-Redhead, Harvard Class of 1999

Robin Stevens, Harvard Class of 1999

Tim Clinton, Harvard Class of 2000

Richard A. Phillips, Harvard Class of 1999

Gary L. Ford Jr., Harvard Class of 1999

Keith Bernard, Harvard Class of 1999

Mark McIntosh, Harvard Class of 1999

Aelaf Worku, Harvard Class of 1998

Shakti Floyd, Harvard Class of 1994

Dav Doodnauth, Harvard Class of 1995

Chaundra Monday, Harvard Class of 1999

Jane Manners, Harvard Class of 1997

John Collins, Harvard Class of 1997

Nikia Bergan, Harvard Class of 1997