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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), I urge you to support the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Confirming Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the D.C. Circuit will ensure the life experiences of all people in America are better represented on this important federal court. For too long, special interests have rigged the system to favor corporations instead of people. We need judges who will not pick and choose whose rights they care about and will put equal justice first. We create a more just system when we put judges like Jackson on our courts. That is how we will protect and advance civil rights, workers' rights, health care access, and ensure we emerge from this pandemic a more equitable society.

Judge Brown Jackson's 2018 ruling blocking an attempt by the Trump administration to decimate the collective bargaining rights of federal employees is but one example of her well-reasoned decisions upholding the rights and freedoms of working people. Her nomination represents the kind of fair-minded jurisprudence we can expect from nominees whose careers show an understanding of and a dedication to workers' rights, and whose backgrounds reflect the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of our country.

Judge Brown Jackson's lived experiences and deep commitment to equal justice make her uniquely qualified for this position. Jackson would be the first Black woman confirmed to a Circuit Court in 10 years.

We urge Congress to quickly confirm Jackson to the D.C. Circuit. She will be a powerful supporter of the rights of all people in America and prioritize equal justice for all.

Sincerely,

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