

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judicial Nomination of Nancy Abudu

Dear Senator Durbin,

As members of the Congressional Black Caucus representing the states comprising the 11th Circuit along with members who sit on the House Committee on Judiciary, we thank you for your leadership and steadfast commitment to moving a diverse slate of judicial nominees through the confirmation process. The federal bench should reflect the diversity of our country. Accordingly, we write now to strongly urge the swift confirmation of Nancy Abudu, President Biden's nominee, to fill a vacancy on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. If confirmed, she will be the first African-American woman ever appointed to this position -- in a circuit where many Black and Latino people reside. The legal issues that come before the 11th Circuit are complex, rapidly developing, and consequential. We believe Ms. Abudu's confirmation is urgent and that the process should be completed as soon as possible.

Ms. Abudu is unquestionably well-qualified for the position and filling this circuit court vacancy in the South should be a priority for this Administration. She has spent most of her career as a civil rights attorney practicing in the Deep South, serving our constituencies with fidelity to the Constitution and impeccable integrity. Much of that work has been devoted to preserving and protecting our precious democratic institutions, including the peaceful transition of power.

The increasingly complicated and complex constitutional issues coming before the 11th Circuit Court makes the urgency of confirming a jurist of Ms. Abudu's caliber and thoughtfulness even more important. Her expertise is needed, and time is of the essence. She has broad support from prosecutors, law professors, disability and civil rights groups to bar associations, alumni associations, unions, and the Native American community. Ms. Abudu has our unwavering support, and we request that her nomination be taken up at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,



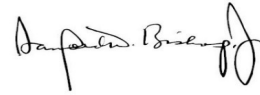
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