

March 23, 2022

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

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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) expresses our strong support for the historic nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Jackson is an exceptional jurist. She is the first Black woman to be nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court in its 232-year history, the first public defender, and has been confirmed three times by the Senate for three different presidential appointments to the federal judiciary. Judge Jackson is deeply qualified to serve on our nation's High Court, and we urge the Senate to confirm her.

As a leading anti-poverty organization, CLASP works to ensure our laws are written and implemented to provide economic ladders to people living in poverty, particularly for those from communities that have been historically marginalized. We know that representation matters. Indeed, it is the hallmark of our democracy—and the judiciary is no exception. When Judge Jackson begins her lifetime appointment, she will bring to the bench a deep and abiding love for the U.S. Constitution and rule of law that is both independent and reflective. As the first public defender nominated to the Supreme Court, she brings experience representing people with little economic or political power. As a lower court judge, she has proven to be relentlessly fair-minded in her rulings, which protected workers from unlawful discrimination and safeguarded collective bargaining rights.

CLASP strongly supports Judge Jackson's nomination and urges the Senate to swiftly confirm her to be the next Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: United States Senate