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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: The Nomination of Tamika Montgomery-Reeves to the United
States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnel, Chair Durbin, and Ranking
Member Grassley:

On behalf of the judicial officers of the Delaware Court of Chancery, I write in
enthusiastic support of President Biden's nomination of Justice Tamika Montgomery-
Reeves to serve as Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves is exceptionally qualified for this nomination. Before
being elevated to the Delaware Supreme Court in 2019, Justice Montgomery-Reeves
served as Vice Chancellor on the Court of Chancery for four years. The Court of Chancery
is widely regarded as the nation's premier forum for business disputes. Our court does not
have juries; each decision is rendered by the judicial officer sitting as factfinder and jurist.
During her time on the Chancery bench, Justice Montgomery-Reeves published over one
hundred opinions and held court exponentially more times. Invariably unpretentious in
tone and deeply reasoned in substance, the opinions of Justice Montgomery-Reeves
contributed meaningfully to our corporate law. She continued her impact as a jurist on
Delaware's highest appellate court, proving a thought leader in corporate matters and
beyond.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves' personal attributes make her particularly well suited
to serve as an appellate judge. The Court of Chancery is a small and tight-knit trial court.
Our judicial officers speak openly and often about pending issues. Justice Montgomery-

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Reeves was universally regarded as an excellent colleague, willing whenever asked to consider issues raised by her fellow judges and offer her characteristically practical and thoughtful insights. She also habitually sought her colleagues' thoughts, with trademark humility and good humor. These attributes have served her well on Delaware's highest court, where she has built consensus by congenially offering compelling reasoning. I have no doubt that her collegiality, coupled with her abilities to garner support for her ideas and to keep an open mind as to the ideas of others, will prove an asset to any appellate court.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves is also a trailblazer. The Court of Chancery has existed for 230 years. When she was appointed in 2015, she was the first person of color and second woman to serve on the court. When she was elevated in 2019, she became the first person of color and third woman to serve on the Delaware Supreme Court. It is perhaps an understatement to say that, given the historical significance of her appointments, Justice Montgomery-Reeves has served very much in the public eye. Unsurprising to those who know her personally, she has handled the attendant pressure with extreme grace.

In closing, Justice Montgomery-Reeves has been an asset to our State. If confirmed, she will be an asset to our Country. We cannot think of any candidate more deserving of this nomination or better suited for the position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Court of Chancery bench.

On behalf of the Court,

/s/ Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick

Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick
Chancellor

cc: The Honorable J. Travis Laster
The Honorable Sam Glasscock III
The Honorable Morgan T. Zurn
The Honorable Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr.
The Honorable Lori W. Will
The Honorable Nathan A. Cook