



October 7, 2020

United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett

Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

As the nation's largest legal organization dedicated exclusively to defending and restoring religious liberty for all Americans, First Liberty Institute supports the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States and urges her swift confirmation as Associate Justice.

Judge Barrett holds degrees from Rhodes College and Notre Dame Law School. Upon graduation from law school, she began her legal career by clerking for Judge Laurence Silberman of the D.C. Circuit and Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. Following a stint in private practice, Judge Barrett became a noted academic, first at George Washington University Law School and then Notre Dame Law School before her investiture in 2017 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. As a judge, Judge Barrett's opinions have favorably strengthened the critical civil rights of American citizens, including religious liberty, while also serving as a critical check on a burgeoning administrative state.

We are confident Judge Barrett will protect the religious freedoms and constitutional rights of all Americans. Her judicial record demonstrates a commitment to the Constitution's text and its purpose. We believe that Judge Barrett understands that government exists to protect the God-given rights of the people and the Constitution exists to prevent government from infringing on those rights.

She will make an excellent Supreme Court Justice, and we expect the Senate to confirm her without delay

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Shackelford".

Kelly Shackelford
President, CEO, &
Chief Counsel