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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 210,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I am writing in support of the nomination of Judge Embry J. Kidd to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Currently a magistrate judge of the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida since 2019, Judge Kidd also served five years as an Assistant US Attorney in the Middle District from 2014-19. His strong qualifications and experience combine to make him an ideal candidate for a lifetime seat on the important Eleventh Circuit Court. A native of Florida, Judge Kidd also worked as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, DC, from 2009-14 and a law clerk for Judge Roger Gregory on the Fourth Circuit Court. He received his JD from Yale Law School and his BA from Emory University.

In addition to his pro bono work when he was at Williams & Connolly, Judge Kidd has been active in a variety of organizations. He was a member of the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, served on the board of directors of the Yale Black Law Students Alumni Association and the steering committee of the Washington, DC chapter of the Yale Law School Alumni Association as well as Emory University's Woodruff Alumni Advisory Board Executive Committee.

NCJW joins the Congressional Black Caucus in saluting this nomination which builds on President Biden's promise to ensure that the federal judiciary reflects the diversity of backgrounds and lived experience in our nation. With his confirmation, Judge Kidd would be only the second Black judge currently serving on the Eleventh Circuit, a circuit where about one-quarter of the population is Black. NCJW has long believed that diversity on the federal judiciary not only serves to build public trust in the courts but also advances the cause of equal justice. Judge Kidd's confirmation would not only add an outstanding jurist to the Eleventh Circuit but would help build a federal judiciary that reflects the diversity of our nation. NCJW urges you to support Judge Embry J. Kidd to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

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