

June 20, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
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
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to wholeheartedly support the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. We served with Rachel as law clerks at the United States Supreme Court during the October 2011 Term. During our year together, we witnessed Rachel's dedication to the work of the federal courts, to the rule of law, and to the American legal tradition. She is diligent, insightful, and fair-minded. While our Term had its share of contentious cases, Rachel sought to assess cases dispassionately and with fidelity to the law, working collaboratively across chambers and the ideological spectrum. These attributes will serve her well as a judge, and we could not be more pleased to see her called upon to serve the country in this fashion.

In the years since our clerkships, we have watched Rachel build an extraordinary career. Her and her family's commitment to Ohio was evident; Rachel's family and her husband's family are all in Ohio. Her husband accepted a job in Ohio working as a professor at The Ohio State University. Rachel returned to Ohio and served the community in various capacities: first in her advocacy on behalf of a diverse range of clients and later as an adjunct professor at the Moritz College of Law. Her legal work has included matters as diverse as the First Amendment, public health issues, and the Administrative Procedure Act, and her written and oral advocacy have served as models for others to learn from. As a professor, she taught a highly regarded course focused on the federal courts, sharing her expertise with a new generation of attorneys.

The signatories to this letter span the political spectrum and work in various areas of law. We are law professors, prosecutors, law-firm partners, public defenders, and more. We hold diverse opinions on many areas of law. But we are united in our view that Rachel is an

extraordinary nominee who will uphold the best traditions and defining attributes of the federal courts—the rule of law, equal justice, and fidelity to the Constitution.¹

Sincerely,

Michael Bern	Ishan Bhabha
Jonathan Bressler	Donald Burke
Jennifer Clark	Andrew Dawson
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Jeffrey Johnson	Rakesh Kilaru
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¹ Rules of professional ethics prevented some members of our clerkship class from signing this letter.