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Dear Senators Perdue and Loeffler:

I write you in connection with the nomination of the Honorable Amy Coney Barrett to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Twenty-two years ago, I had the honor of clerking at the Supreme Court during the same term as Judge Barrett – she clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia, I for Justice Clarence Thomas. During that time, we became friends – and remained so as we entered the legal academy (and became parents) at around the same time. In 2017, when then-Professor Barrett was nominated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, I signed a letter supporting her nomination along with every other individual who clerked at the Supreme Court during that term.

The sentiments expressed in that letter are as true today as they were three years ago. Rather than rehash them here, let me briefly make four main points:

- **First, Judge Barrett thinks deeply.**
- **Second, Judge Barrett writes lucidly.**
- **Third, Judge Barrett acts independently.**
- **Fourth, Amy is quite simply one of the most compassionate, humble, empathetic persons whom I have ever known.**

Against these 20+ years of knowing her, it has been both baffling and saddening to see a dear friend and respected colleague characterized so viciously, so erroneously, and yet so confidently by people who have never met her or even attempted to learn about her.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this letter. In an abundance of caution, I should observe that they are offered strictly in my personal capacity and do not purport to represent the views of the Law School, the University or any other institution with which I may be affiliated. Institutional affiliations are noted strictly for identification purposes.

Sincerely,

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