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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Lindsey Graham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett

Dear Leader McConnell and Chairman Graham:

As the Senate draws closer to a vote, Agudath Israel of America expresses its support for Judge Amy Coney Barrett to sit as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Agudath Israel is a nearly century old national Orthodox Jewish organization which acts as a government liaison for our community and has filed numerous *amicus curiae* briefs at the Supreme Court on an array of issues vital to our constitutional concerns.

Judge Barrett is eminently qualified to sit on the High Court. All those who know and have worked with her have extolled her brilliance, scholarship, thoughtful analysis and even-handed judgement. And, perhaps even more importantly, by all accounts she highly regarded as a person of understanding, compassion, integrity, moral character and judicial temperament. It was evident in her confirmation hearings. It has been hailed by friends and colleagues of different political persuasions and judicial philosophies. And it has clearly been a hallmark upon which she has contoured her personal and family values and priorities. Every aspect of Judge Barrett's life evinces her commitment to honoring "Equal Justice Under Law" and our nation's highest and finest legal traditions.

At a time when our nation is in social and political turmoil and confusion reigns regarding governmental responsibilities and citizens' First Amendment and other cherished rights, the High Court and the country will be well-served but Judge Barrett's judicial clarity, keen sense of fairness and faithful application of the law.

We urge the Senate to approve Judge Barrett's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Yours Sincerely,

Rabbi Abba Cohen

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