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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We, the undersigned, are law professors with expertise in a diverse array of fields and from law schools throughout the country. We write in support of President Joe Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Jackson is perfectly qualified for the position; she has demonstrated excellent legal ability and shown her commitment to the principles of liberty, equality, and fairness, as well as the highest ethical and professional standards.

Judge Jackson possesses the brilliance, judgment, temperament, and experience required for an appellate jurist. From her earliest days, she distinguished herself as a thoughtful legal mind and skilled practitioner. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College and *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where she served as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. She went on to three federal court clerkships -- at every level of the federal court system, for both Republican and Democratic-appointed judges -- Judge Patti B. Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Judge Bruce M. Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Justice Stephen Breyer on the United States Supreme Court.

As demonstrated by her eight years on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Judge Jackson's strong record demonstrates a high level of intellect and integrity. Judge Jackson has rarely been reversed on appeal (fewer than a dozen times out of the more than 550 judicial decisions she has authored), making her one of the judges most likely to be affirmed by the appellate court in her circuit. She has a reputation as a fair, impartial, highly intelligent jurist with fidelity to statutory law and the Constitution as her guide.

Prior to her years on the bench, she had an exemplary legal career. She gained wide-ranging experience at the highest levels of the legal profession having served as a federal public defender, private sector appellate and trial attorney, and Vice Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission. Her familiarity with public and private litigation on various legal issues makes her well-suited to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals. Her broad and deep experience led the Senate to confirm her twice before.

We are confident that Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be an excellent addition to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance her nomination to the full Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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