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

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

On behalf of the 200,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I am writing in support of the nomination of Nancy Abudu to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Nancy Abudu is a first generation Ghanaian-American attorney and a well-respected member of the federal bar with a proven track record of protecting the rights of everyone, no matter their race, religion, or background. She has deep experience in the very Circuit for which she has been nominated, from litigating multiple cases before the judges; to working to protect the rights of individuals in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia; to serving as staff attorney for the Circuit. Whether working in private practice, government, or not-for-profit organizations, Ms. Abudu has dedicated her career to strengthening our democracy, safeguarding the freedom to vote, and protecting religious liberty. Her representation of people and communities that have historically been marginalized resonates with our Jewish tradition that teaches, "You shall have one standard of law for non-citizen and citizen alike" (*Leviticus 24:22*) — everyone deserves equal treatment under the law.

In addition to her extensive qualifications and experience, if confirmed, Ms. Abudu would be the first Black woman ever to sit on the Eleventh Circuit — despite the fact that Black people comprise approximately 26% of the general population of the three states over which the 11th Circuit has jurisdiction. Our courts must reflect the communities they serve to better inform their decisions and strengthen their legitimacy. The nomination of Nancy Abudu, with her keen intellect, legal credentials, and lived experience, is a step in the right direction to diversifying this important court.

Without hesitation, NCJW urges the Senate to confirm Nancy Abudu to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Sincerely,



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