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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 Bradley N. Garcia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Bradley N. Garcia currently serves as the Department of Justice's Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. From his time as a clerk for federal judges, including Supreme Court Justice Elana Kagan, to his time in private practice and in the federal government, Mr. Garcia has demonstrated a commitment to equal justice. In addition to his work as an attorney representing clients in high-stakes civil appeals and authoring legal briefs for federal and state appellate cases, Mr. Garcia has maintained an active pro bono practice which primarily focuses on constitutional, criminal, and immigration law. Further, he has authored numerous briefs for the US Supreme Court. He is widely lauded by his former colleagues and superiors, like Judge Thomas Griffith of the DC Circuit, who considered Mr. Garcia a stand-out clerk notable for his careful listening and "powerful" additions to discussions in chambers.

We are particularly thrilled with the nomination of Mr. Garcia given the dearth of Latinx judges on our federal courts. With almost 19% of the population identifying as Latinx, our federal bench should better reflect the diversity of this country. If confirmed, Mr. Garcia would be the first Latinx attorney on the influential DC Circuit, and would bring us one step closer to a federal judiciary that looks like America. Bringing diverse experiences and perspectives to the bench allows judges to make better-informed decisions, in addition to increasing public confidence in their rulings. This is critical at a time when confidence in our courts is waning.

Throughout his career, whether in private practice, the federal government, or through his pro bono work, Mr. Garcia's dedication to equal justice under the law is clear. NCJW strongly recommends the confirmation of Bradley N. Garcia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Sincerely, Jody Rabhan

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