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> Re: Letter in support of Nancy Abudu, nominee for United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Nancy Abudu to serve as a Circuit Court Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

NOBLE was founded in 1976 as a public service organization working to maximize the impact of Black law enforcement executives on the criminal justice system by speaking with a unified voice to provide solutions to law enforcement concerns and to advance our commitment to justice in all our communities. Our members are leaders in law enforcement organizations across the country. In these roles, we understand the importance of the United States Courts of Appeals, and the critical importance of appellate judges with the high levels of judgment, integrity, discernment, and intellect needed to fairly and impartially administer justice. Ms. Abudu possesses these qualities. She is exceptionally qualified for the position and would be an excellent addition to the court.

As law enforcement professionals who are committed to the rule of law, the safety and welfare of our communities, and equity in the administration of justice, we strongly believe that a diversity of perspectives, both on the bench and in excellent, zealous advocacy for all parties to both criminal and civil cases, are essential to our judicial system. Ms. Abudu's breadth of experience, her deep understanding of the law and of the Eleventh Circuit, and her personal record of integrity and outstanding legal advocacy would be valuable assets to the Circuit Court. We are confident that, once confirmed, she will apply her diverse experiences and the dedication to constitutional principles she displayed during her years as an advocate, as well as her remarkable intellect, to applying the Constitution and laws of our country in a fair, open-minded and impartial manner as a judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

We urge the Committee to act favorably on Ms. Abudu's nomination, and the Senate to promptly confirm her to the Court.

Sincerely,

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