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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

It is my distinct honor to write in support of Rachel Bloomekatz's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I have known Rachel since 2013 when she successfully represented an Ohio juvenile who had been sentenced to a 112-year prison term in violation of the Eighth Amendment, as established by *Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48, 130 S.Ct. 2011, 176 L.Ed.2d 825 (2010). Rachel's representation of Brandon Moore typifies her work in the legal system. She is a brilliant lawyer, both as a litigator and as an appellate attorney. I had the privilege, in that case, to talk with Rachel as her argument developed and to review her final brief. That early work reflects the exceptional standard in thinking, writing, and oral advocacy which Rachel upholds in all of her work. Rachel is dedicated to justice and to the principles embodied in the Constitution, committing her time, effort, and legal acumen to both paying and pro bono clients.

Rachel and I have remained in regular contact since 2013, as she is a critical and reliable voice to whom I turn for counsel and ideas on expanding equity and justice. From her leadership in the American Constitution Society through her service as a board member of Jewish Family Services, Rachel is immersed in both the legal community and the social services community and is actively engaged in pursuing justice for all. Rachel's work and commitments reflect not only her dedication to the Constitution, but also to the inherent and equal value of all people, irrespective of party, employment, or economic class.

Rachel is a counselor and a thought-partner in efforts to expand access to counsel and to increase equity in the justice system. In addition to her brilliant legal mind, Rachel is one of the genuinely good people in the world with whom collaborations are creative, expansive,

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actionable, and satisfying. As noted above, she is engaged in her community, in her faith, and in the greater body politic. She is also kind and trustworthy.

In my position as the Executive Director of Ohio's Access to Justice Foundation, I am privy to a significant amount of information which is relevant to decision making, but confidential. Again, Rachel is a trusted and relied upon advisor. Based on my years of experience with Rachel, I am resolute that she is a champion for all Americans.

She is a brilliant, thoughtful, intentional, conscientious, and empathetic lawyer. Rachel embodies everything that an advocate for the justice community could hope for in a U.S. circuit judge. Rachel has the intellect, commitment, talent, and empathy that distinguish great jurists.

I am happy to discuss Rachel and her candidacy further at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and attention. I sincerely support and encourage Rachel's nomination to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Sincerely,



Angela M. Lloyd
Executive Director