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President Joe Biden
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The Hon. Bob Casey
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The Hon. Chuck Grassley
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The Hon. Dick Durbin
Chair, U.S. Senate
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The Hon. Pat Toomey
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RE: Philadelphia Bar Association Support for Senate Confirmation of Hon. Kai Scott as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Dear President Biden, White House Counsel Delery and Sens. Casey, Durbin, Grassley and Toomey:

On behalf of the membership of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I would like to praise the nomination of Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Kai Scott as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and express our support for a swift Senate confirmation process.

Founded in 1802, the Philadelphia Bar Association is the oldest association of lawyers in the United States. Our mission is to serve the profession and the public by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. In so doing, the Association strives to foster understanding of, involvement in, and access to the justice system.

Judge Scott has served on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas since 2015. When she was seeking the position, Judge Scott was one of only three out of 51 total judicial candidates to receive a "Highly Recommended" rating from the Philadelphia Bar Association's nonpartisan Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. All candidates are rated after volunteer investigators conduct thorough due diligence,

including a case review, a review of a candidates' writing samples and financial records and interviewing a minimum of 20 contacts. A "Highly Recommended" rating is reserved for only the most exceptional candidates and requires at least 90% of the Commission's 33 members to vote in favor.

A Philadelphia native and a graduate of Hampton University and the University of West Virginia College of Law, Judge Scott previously served as a public defender for six years and then served for 11 years as a federal defender, providing counsel to clients with limited financial resources. Judge Scott is a valued colleague, mentor and friend in our community. She continually strives to improve Philadelphia's judicial system and to increase equal access to justice within our City and in the Commonwealth.

We are proud to support the nomination of Judge Scott as U.S District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Our Association stands ready to do anything we can to assist with a smooth confirmation process and also to offer our support after she is officially appointed to the role.

Sincerely,



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