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April 18th, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Hart Senate Office Building, Office 711,
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Hart Senate Office Building, Office 135,
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Nomination of Ms. Nancy Abudu for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of our millions members and supporters, **I write to express our strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Nancy Abudu to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.**

Throughout her career, Ms. Abudu has demonstrated concern for the rights of everyday people, especially those in marginalized communities working in every state in the 11th Circuit. She has extensive experience as a litigator addressing important civil rights and criminal justice issues on behalf of the Southern Poverty Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Her record also lends us confidence that Ms. Abudu recognizes the government's obligation under the law to protect public health and the environment, that she understands the public's right to access the courts to hold government and industries accountable, and that she can tell the difference between facts and politics.

Additionally, if confirmed, Ms. Abudu would be the first Black woman to serve on the Eleventh Circuit. There is a critical need to ensure that our appellate courts reflect the diversity of the nation to foster trust from the community in our judicial system. Ms. Abudu's confirmation will help to address that need.

For these reasons and more, **we strongly encourage the Senate to confirm Ms. Nancy Abudu for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.** If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Chu
Acting Executive Director
Sierra Club