September 13, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Room S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write as jurists and legal scholars who are alumni of the University of Chicago Law School class of 1989. We were lucky enough to go to law school with Beth Robinson, who has been nominated for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. In law school, as now, our beliefs spanned the ideological spectrum, but we agree that as a classmate, Beth was respectful, open to alternative views, intellectually rigorous, careful in her arguments, and fair.

We also agree that the judiciary is best served by judges who understand the unique role of the judge and carefully apply the law to the facts in front of them. Our experience with Beth leads us to believe that she will maintain fidelity to that judicial ideal. That is why we support her nomination.

Each of us disagreed with Beth at times, but she was always willing to listen, always willing to change her mind if convinced of the merits of a different position, and eager to find common ground among divergent views. These are the qualities that constitute what is known as "judicial temperament" and Beth embodies them.

Sincerely,

/s/ Justice Constandinos Himonas
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