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Chairman Richard J. Durbin
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Chuck Grassley
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: The Nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write as the Young Black Lawyers' Organizing Coalition (YBLOC), a nonpartisan civil rights organization of young Black lawyers and law students, to enthusiastically support the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and to urge you to grant Judge Jackson a fair, equitable and timely confirmation process.

As a Black legal community, we mark the occasion of this nomination with immense celebration and pride in the distinguished accomplishments of Judge Jackson. In keeping with the inspiring legacy of Black women in law, Judge Jackson brings eminent qualifications and thorough preparation to this nomination. Her service across diverse fields of law positions her to hear and see a wide range of legal perspectives, including from those whose voices have been historically marginalized in American jurisprudence. At every juncture of her career, Judge Jackson has demonstrated the highest excellence in legal training and faithful stewardship of the law.

Moreover, as the Black communities we serve across the nation continue to advocate for the recognition of fundamental rights in the face of a systematic opposition, we are confident that Judge Jackson's record reflects a commitment to the equal protection and extension of civil and human rights. At a critical time in our nation's history when the civil rights of our communities are at stake, Judge Jackson has shown an adherence to making the law fairer, more just and more inclusive.

We, furthermore, celebrate the important history that Judge Jackson will make as the first Black woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Jackson's presence on the U.S.

Supreme Court will at long last – for the first time in the Court’s 232-year history – ensure that the voices, lived experiences and perspectives of Black women are represented at the table of judicial decision-making. Given the trailblazing nature of Judge Jackson’s nomination to the Court, we call on this committee and the full Senate to ensure that Judge Jackson is treated with fairness, respect and civility during this confirmation process.

It is with pride in Judge Jackson’s tremendous accomplishments, confidence in the values she has demonstrated and celebration of the history she will make and inspire that we strongly urge the U.S. Senate to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Respectfully,

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About the Young Black Lawyers’ Organizing Coalition (YBLOC)

The Young Black Lawyers’ Organizing Coalition (YBLOC) is a nonpartisan, community-centered movement of young Black lawyers and law students working to protect and empower Black voters through voter education, strategic advocacy and impact litigation. We work in collaboration with Black grassroots communities to fight for full access to electoral democracy and realize full electoral voice.