



The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary **United States Senate** Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of our more than 4 million members around the country, I write to express End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund's enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Jackson is an extraordinary nominee who has already been confirmed by the U.S. Senate on bipartisan grounds three times. She should be confirmed quickly and unanimously.

At a time when the public's trust in the Supreme Court is at an all-time low, the confirmation of Judge Jackson will foster a renewed confidence in the Court among the American people. Throughout her distinguished legal career, Judge Jackson has shown herself to be a fair, impartial juror that works to ensure equality and justice for all people, not just wealthy individuals and corporations. If confirmed, Judge Jackson will protect the people on issues that impact their daily lives, like voting rights, workers' rights, reproductive rights, civil rights, preventing gun violence, combating climate change, and ending the corrupting influence of big money in politics. By confirming Judge Jackson to be the next Supreme Court Justice, the Senate can work to restore Americans' faith in the government and the courts.

If confirmed, Judge Jackson will be the first Black woman to serve on the Court out of the 115 Supreme Court justices who have served since 1789. The nomination of the first Black woman to the Supreme Court is a historic and long overdue step towards proper representation on our nation's highest court. Judge Jackson would also be the first public defender to serve, bringing an important diversity of experience to the Supreme Court. As a justice, Judge Jackson will bring an

¹ See John Gramlich, Black women account for a small fraction of the federal judges who have served to date, Pew Research Center, Feb. 2, 2022, https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/02/02/blackwomen-account-for-asmall-fraction-of-the-federal-judges-who-have-served-to-date/.

important professional and experiential diversity that will help the court better understand how their decisions affect people with different backgrounds and life experiences. Representation matters and Judge Jackson's confirmation to the Supreme Court is a crucial step in moving towards a judiciary that ensures equal justice under the law.

Judge Jackson's confirmation is also essential to bolster our democracy. Our democracy has been pushed to the brink in recent years, from dark money flooding into our politics and attacks on the freedom to vote to serious threats to the separation of powers. Judge Jackson has a record of preserving and growing a healthy democracy by requiring transparency, accountability, and the proper enforcement of checks and balances.² We are confident that Judge Jackson will support our democracy's foundational principles that everyone should have a voice and vote in the process, not just corporations and big donors.

It is indisputable that Judge Jackson has the necessary qualifications and background to be a superb Supreme Court justice. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has spent her distinguished legal career fighting for equal justice by putting the interests of American families above corporate interests. Judge Jackson has always shown herself to be a fair, impartial jurist that will protect the constitutional rights of all people, including the most sacred and fundamental right to vote. We unequivocally support the confirmation of Judge Jackson and strongly urge all senators to vote to vote for her historic confirmation.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Muller

President

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² In 2019, Judge Jackson found in favor of the House Judiciary Committee's attempt to subpoena Donald McGahn, former White House Counsel, who was instructed by President Donald Trump to not testify in connection with investigations into 2016 Russian interference. In rejecting the Department of Justice's attempt to block the subpoena and increase the power of the executive branch and the expense of the legislative branch, Judge Jackson emphasized that "the primary takeaway from the past 250 years of recorded American history is that Presidents are not kings." *See Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148, 213 (D.D.C. 2019) (finding in favor), rev'd, 973 F.3d 121 (D.C. Cir. 2020)