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Transmitted via email

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write as the chief legal officer of the District of Columbia to express my unequivocal support for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the United States Supreme Court and to urge the members of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Senate to confirm her without delay.

My support for Judge Jackson is based on insights gained over the course of nearly three dozen cases my office has litigated before her. Because the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) is charged with carrying out the District's legal business, our attorneys frequently appear in federal court to defend local government interests and protect the public fisc. During Judge Jackson's eight years on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, OAG's attorneys litigated more than 30 cases including three trials before her. These cases involved matters ranging from constitutional questions involving First and Fourth Amendment claims, to statutory claims under Title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to the application of local laws like the District's Whistleblower Protection Act.

We have prevailed and lost before Judge Jackson — yet, in each instance, we and our opposing party were given every opportunity to present facts, law, and argument. Indeed, in our system of justice, institutional parties like OAG can ask for no more. Judge Jackson was an impartial arbiter who could be counted on to follow the law, to apply it correctly to the facts at hand, and to issue carefully crafted and well-reasoned opinions.

There are myriad reasons to confirm Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court, of which her experience on a trial court is only one. But I know from the legal reasoning and judicial temperament she displayed in that setting that she has invaluable insight into the questions that will come before her and that she will reach just and unbiased decisions. OAG's lawyers have witnessed Judge Jackson in action in a way few other lawyers have. And we know without a doubt that she is well qualified to join the nation's highest court.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KARL A. RACINE'.

Karl A. Racine