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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

**I am writing on behalf of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC), which consists of 145 member Chambers of Commerce and affiliated Business Associations in 42 states, representing 380,000 businesses nationwide. On behalf of the USBC, I write to endorse the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States and urge her swift confirmation.**

From the time of this nation's founding with the Revolutionary War, the concept of equitable representation within governing bodies has been a key – though often unfulfilled – American principle. With President Biden's nomination of Judge Jackson, we are taking one more step towards realizing that key principle.

The history making qualities of this nomination are overshadowed only by Judge Jackson's breadth of experience in our legal system, making her an exceptionally qualified choice for the role of Supreme Court Justice. Prior to serving as Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Judge Jackson was confirmed with bipartisan support to the U.S. Sentencing Commission in 2010 and was a public defender, helping uphold the core American value of the right to legal representation – regardless of one's socioeconomic status; it is notable that, if confirmed, Judge Jackson would be the first former federal public defender to serve on the Supreme Court.

This diverse and broad experience in public service imbues Judge Jackson with a unique appreciation of how critical it is for the justice system to be fair and impartial. Among her colleagues and in her work, Judge Jackson has built a strong reputation for upholding the rule of law with a nonpartisan, inclusive approach to advancing a judicial system that treats all Americans fairly.

It is long overdue for a Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court, and it is rare to find such a brilliant, thoughtful, and uniquely qualified legal mind such as Judge Jackson's to address the 21<sup>st</sup> century's most pressing domestic legal questions. Your committee has the once-in-a-generation opportunity to not only make history, but in so doing, to also elevate an exceptional candidate to the highest court in the land. It is because of this that the USBC is proud to support Judge Jackson's nomination and again urges her swift confirmation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [ron@usblackchambers.org](mailto:ron@usblackchambers.org) or phone at (202) 440-2737.

Best regards,

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