

November 7, 2022



Dear Senator,

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the undersigned 214 organizations, we write to emphasize the urgency of prioritizing the continued confirmation of experientially and demographically diverse judicial nominees by the end of the 117th Congress. We celebrate the progress made towards strengthening our judiciary with the confirmation of nominees committed to our civil rights, and we urge you to redouble your efforts so that all pending judicial nominees are confirmed.

For generations, the civil rights community has advocated for a federal judiciary that centers equal justice for all and reflects and represents the rich diversity of our nation. The progress made by President Biden, the Senate Judiciary Committee under Chair Durbin's leadership, and the full Senate is remarkable both in terms of pace of consideration and the qualifications of judicial nominees. To date, the Senate Judiciary Committee has advanced 109 judicial nominees and the Senate has confirmed 84 lifetime judicial appointments, which includes 55 judges of color, 63 women, 22 public defenders, and 17 civil rights lawyers. These historic achievements in an evenly split Senate, including the confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman and first former public defender to serve on our nation's highest court, are important. Each confirmation of a judicial nominee who is committed to our civil rights makes a difference in the lives of people throughout the country and strengthens our democracy.

Yet the stakes have never been higher, and the Senate must make confirming lifetime judicial nominees an immediate priority for the remainder of the 117th Congress, particularly nominees from experientially and demographically diverse backgrounds. In July, many of our organizations [wrote to Leader Schumer](#) reiterating the urgency of confirming judges, and we write again now with more urgency as the end of this session nears. Right now, 25 lifetime nominees are awaiting full Senate action, 12 are awaiting committee votes, and at least five more will have hearings in time for the full Senate to act by the end of this Congress. The work to create a judiciary that will restore, protect, and advance our civil and human rights is multigenerational, but it requires our constant attention. No matter the outcome of the upcoming midterm elections, the Senate must commit to using every opportunity to confirm all judicial nominees who are and will be pending action by the full Senate during the session that begins on November 14.

We know that there are many pressing issues to address in the coming weeks and months. But we urge you to remember that a judiciary that values and upholds equal justice and the protection of civil rights for all is one of the critical ways we protect and strengthen our democracy. We ask that the confirmation of these experientially and demographically diverse judicial nominees who are committed to our civil and human rights be a top priority.

Thank you for your work on this issue. We urge you to continue making history by confirming all judicial nominees who are and will be pending action by the full Senate before the end of this Congress, and we

look forward to continuing to work with you to build a judiciary that lives up to its promise of equal justice under law.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Abortion Access Front
Advocates for Youth
AFL-CIO
African American Ministers In Action
Alabama Employment Lawyers Association
Alliance for Justice
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
American Humanist Association
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
Americans for Financial Reform
Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Black Women's Health Imperative
Brady
California Employment Lawyers Association
California Environmental Voters
CASA
Catholics for Choice
Center for American Progress
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Popular Democracy
The Center for Reproductive Rights
The Centre for Prophetic Activism
Clean Elections Texas
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
Coalition on Human Needs
Colorado Employment Lawyers Association
Committee for a Fair Judiciary
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
Community Catalyst
Conservation Alabama

Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania
Courts Matter Illinois
Demand Justice
Democracy Initiative
Demos
Disability Law Center
Disability Law Colorado
Disability Rights Florida
Disability Rights Maine
Disability Rights Maryland
Disability Rights North Carolina
Disability Rights Oregon
Disability Rights South Carolina
Disability Rights Vermont
Earthjustice
Eastern Pennsylvania Employment Lawyers Association
End Citizens United / Let America Vote Action Fund
Endangered Species Coalition
Equal Justice Society
Equality California
Esperanza United (formerly Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faiths for Safe Water
Family Equality
Feminist Majority Foundation
FL National Organization for Women
Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy
Florida Council of Churches
Florida Employment Lawyers Association
Florida Rising
Freedom From Religion Foundation
Friends of the Earth
GALEO & GALEO Impact Fund
Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda
Georgia Employment Lawyers Association
Greater Orlando National Organization for Women
Greenpeace USA
High Plains Fair Housing Center
Hip Hop Caucus
Hispanic Federation
Houston Area Urban League
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative
Human Rights Campaign

Illinois Employment Lawyers Association
Illinois National Organization for Women
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda
Indivisible
Indivisible Miami
Indivisible Santa Fe
Ipas
Japanese American Citizens League
Just Solutions
Kansas City Employment Lawyers Association
KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Lawyering Project
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
League of Conservation Voters
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Liberate Abortion
Louisiana Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (LCRF)
Maine Conservation Voters
Maine Employment Lawyers Association
Maine Women's Lobby
MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)
Massachusetts Employment Lawyers Association
Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association
Mi Familia Vota
Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Minnesota Employment Lawyers Association
The Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund
MoveOn
Muslim Advocates
Muslim Civic Coalition
NAACP Florida State Conference
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Action Network
National Association of Social Workers, CT Chapter
National Black Justice Coalition
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Congress of American Indians
National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low income clients)
National Consumers League
National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of Jewish Women Austin Section
National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore Section
National Council of Jewish Women Cleveland Section
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Miami Section
National Council of Jewish Women Greater New Orleans Section
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section
National Council of Jewish Women Louisville Section
National Council of Jewish Women Michigan Section
National Council of Jewish Women Minnesota Section
National Council of Jewish Women Saddleback Section
National Council of Jewish Women South Cook Section
National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis Section
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Health Law Program
National Homelessness Law Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Legal Aid & Defender Association
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Organization for Women
National Organization for Women of Mississippi
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Police Accountability Project
National Urban League
National Women's Law Center
Native American Rights Fund
NC League of Conservation Voters
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
New York Employment Lawyers Association
North Carolina Employment Lawyers Association
Ohio Council of Churches
Ohio Employment Lawyers Association
Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund
Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Inc
Oregon Employment Lawyers Association
People For the American Way
People's Parity Project
PFLAG National

Planned Parenthood Federation of America
PoliChic Texas
Population Connection Action Fund
Positive Women's Network-USA
Pride At Work
Pro-Choice North Carolina
Pro-Choice Wyoming
Progress Florida
Progress Iowa
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Protect Our Care
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
R2H Action [Right to Health]
Rainbow PUSH Coalition
re:power
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Reproaction
Reproductive Health Access Project
Reproductive Justice Resilience Project
Rights and Democracy
Rise Up America
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Secular Coalition for America
SEIU
Sierra Club
Silver State Equality
Southern Birth Justice Network
Southern Echo Inc.
Stand Up America
State Infrastructure Project
Take Back the Court Action Fund
Tennessee Employment Lawyers Association
Texas Employment Lawyers Association
UnidosUS
Union of Concerned Scientists
United State of Women
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
Venice Resistance
Vermont Conservation Voters
Virginia League of Conservation Voters
Voto Latino
Washington Conservation Voters
Western Pennsylvania Employment Lawyers Association

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