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Dear Senator:

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the undersigned 84 national organizations, we write to press the urgency of building a federal judiciary that lives up to its promise of equal justice for all. The civil rights community has spent decades advocating for a demographically and professionally diverse federal judiciary that works for all of us, not just the wealthy and powerful. We do this work, without regard to the president's party or who is in the Senate majority, because we believe in equal justice and understand the immense power of federal judges and justices to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people throughout the nation. It is in that spirit that we urge you to make our federal judiciary an enduring priority and demand that all judicial nominees are fair-minded, well-qualified, and have a demonstrated commitment to civil and human rights.

All federal judges decide cases that impact our rights and ability to live in a thriving, multiracial democracy. Judges rule on cases involving voting rights, access to health care, LGBTQ equality, disability rights, protections for immigrants, rights of working people, sexual harassment, freedom from discrimination based on religion, environmental protections, gun safety, and more. Throughout the 117th and 118th Congresses, President Biden and the Senate made great strides to improve our judiciary through the confirmation of judicial nominees who possess a dedication to equal justice. Many of these confirmed judges came to the bench with significant experience protecting civil and human rights and represent communities who have long been excluded from and unrepresented on the bench. These judges are already ensuring that justice is served in more corners of our country and making a real difference in people's lives. This progress is significant.

At the same time, some of our federal courts have limited or rolled back our rights. Throughout the previous Trump administration, nominees were often selected for their anti-civil and human rights work, and overall they did not reflect our communities. Unfortunately, this has had dire consequences for the communities we represent. For the first time in our nation's history, a majority on the U.S. Supreme Court took away a fundamental right — the right to abortion. The Supreme Court and lower federal courts have jeopardized other civil and human rights and protections as well. Our nation's highest court has also failed to address the serious ethics crisis that calls into question their fairness and impartiality. For our rights, our families, our communities, and our future, all senators must seriously evaluate every single judicial nominee to ensure they meet the highest ethical standards, are fair-minded, possess a commitment to the civil and human rights of all, and have the personal and professional experience that enhance the provision of equal justice for all. Every judicial seat in America matters for the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms, and it is up to the Senate to ensure these seats are filled by nominees who are committed to this important task.

Senators have a constitutional duty, as part of their constitutional advice and consent responsibility, to carefully consider each of the president's nominees for the federal bench, most of whom are nominated to

serve in lifetime positions. It is crucial that anyone you consider for a federal judgeship is fair-minded and possesses a record that reflects their commitment to protecting the rights of all people, not just the wealthy and powerful.

For our democracy to work, all people in America need to be able to trust that judges and justices will be fair. We call upon the Senate to do everything in its power to make sure any nominee who is confirmed will truly deliver equal justice under law.

Sincerely,

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Advancement Project  
African American Policy Forum  
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Alliance for Justice  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Constitution Society  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
Americans for Financial Reform  
American Humanist Association  
Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
The Andrew Goodman Foundation  
Ashoka  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
A Better Balance  
Center for Constitutional Rights  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Court Accountability  
DemCast USA  
Demand Justice  
Demos  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Earthjustice  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities  
Equal Justice Society  
Equal Rights Advocates  
Feminist Majority Foundation

Friends of the Earth  
FFRF Action Fund  
Government Information Watch  
Greenpeace USA  
Hispanic Federation  
Indivisible  
Interfaith Alliance  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Juvenile Law Center  
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National Association of Social Workers  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Health Law Program  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National LGBTQ+ Bar Association  
National Network of Abortion Funds  
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National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Urban League  
National Women's Law Center  
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Popular Democracy in Action  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
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The Secular Coalition for America  
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The Sikh Coalition  
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