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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are writing to express our strong support for the nomination of Professor Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. We are a diverse group of law professors who represent a broad range of fields and perspectives. We share the belief, however, that Professor Barrett is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals, and we urge the Senate to confirm her as a judge of that court.

Professor Barrett has stellar credentials for this position. She received her undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* from Rhodes College and her law degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame, where she finished first in her law school class. She served as a law clerk to Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and to Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supreme Court. After her clerkships, she practiced law in both trial and appellate litigation in Washington, D.C. at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca, & Lewin, and at Baker Botts. She has served as a law professor at the University of Notre Dame since 2002.

As a law professor, Professor Barrett has distinguished herself as an expert in procedure, interpretation, federal courts, and constitutional law. She has published several important and influential law review articles on these topics in leading journals. Although we have differing perspectives on the methods and conclusions in her work, we all agree that Professor Barrett's contributions to legal scholarship are rigorous, fair-minded, respectful, and constructive. Her work demonstrates a thorough understanding of the issues and challenges that federal courts confront in their daily work. In addition, we admire Professor Barrett's strong commitment to public service, including her work as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure from 2010-2016.

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In short, Professor Barrett's qualifications for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit are first-rate. She is a distinguished scholar in areas of law that matter most for federal courts, and she enjoys wide respect for her careful work, fair-minded disposition, and personal integrity. We strongly urge her confirmation by the Senate.*

Sincerely,

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