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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As current and former women leaders of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA), we urge the Committee on the Judiciary to swiftly approve the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to serve as the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Barrett is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Supreme Court. After graduating first in her class from Notre Dame Law School, she clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. Following her clerkships, she worked as a litigator, and in 2002, she joined the faculty of Notre Dame Law School where she was recognized as the “Distinguished Professor of the Year” on three occasions. In 2017, the U.S. Senate confirmed her to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit where she has demonstrated her fidelity to the rule of law.

As a highly successful woman judge, Judge Barrett is well positioned to fill the Supreme Court vacancy left by the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Like Justice Ginsburg, Judge Barrett would be an inspiration to young women lawyers and indeed young women in any walk of life. In addition to her record of achievement in her legal career, Judge Barrett is devoted to her family. She is both a wife and a mother of seven children.

We write not only to express our strong support for Judge Barrett but also to convey our deep concern about some of the vicious attacks leveled against her from the left. These include malicious statements about her religious views and about her and her husband’s adoption of two Haitian children. We urge you both to make clear that such attacks have no place during consideration of Judge Barrett’s nomination.

With her sterling qualifications, we believe Judge Barrett would prove an outstanding addition to the Supreme Court. We encourage the Committee to conduct a prompt and respectful review of Judge Barrett's qualifications and to report out her nomination favorably to the full Senate so that the upper chamber can provide President Trump with its advice and consent to Judge Barrett's elevation to the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Current and Former Women Leaders of the RNLA*

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