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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Durbin:

On behalf of the Alliance for Justice (AFJ), a national association representing more than 130 public interest and civil rights organizations, I write to strongly support the confirmation of Rachel S. Bloomekatz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

One of the nation's leading appellate advocates, Ms. Bloomekatz has dedicated her career to advancing equal justice and is extremely qualified to serve on the federal bench. After graduating from Harvard College and UCLA School of Law, she served as an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts and clerked for three judges: Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Chief Justice Margaret Marshall of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Following her government service, Ms. Bloomekatz worked in some of the country's top private sector appellate practices, briefing and arguing high-profile appeals in state and federal courts throughout the country. She first joined Jones Day's renowned Issues and Appeals Practice Group. There, she represented some of the country's largest corporations while maintaining a robust *pro bono* practice, including serving as counsel for indigent women and children seeking asylum in the United States. From 2016 to 2019, Ms. Bloomekatz worked as a principal at the plaintiff-side firm, Gupta Wessler PLLC, where she co-authored several briefs and petitions in the U.S. Supreme Court and served as lead counsel for successful appeals in the Fourth and Sixth Circuits. In 2019, she established her own public interest law firm, Bloomekatz Law LLC, where she currently focuses on appellate litigation to protect the constitutional and civil rights of our most vulnerable populations.

Ms. Bloomekatz has broad legal experience, having worked in both the public and private sector and on both the plaintiff and defense sides. She has achieved substantial victories for her clients on a wide range of issues, from workers' rights to civil rights. For example, she helped [victims of predatory payday lending](#) prevail in a class action lawsuit against a large bank and won re-sentencing for a [juvenile who received a 112-year](#)

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[sentence](#). She is also a recognized litigator for voting rights issues<sup>1</sup> and environmental causes.<sup>2</sup> The breadth of Ms. Bloomekatz’s appellate experience, including successful advocacy in the Third, Fourth, and Sixth Circuits, makes her an exceptional candidate for this position.

Though she has earned a national reputation as a highly skilled appellate advocate, Ms. Bloomekatz lives and is deeply connected to the Columbus, Ohio community. She is guided by her deep-rooted faith and the Jewish principle of *tikkun olam* (“repairing the world”), incorporating service into both her professional and personal lives. Among other roles, she serves on the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association’s Columbus Chapter and on the Rules Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. She also serves on the Board of Jewish Family Services of Central Ohio, which provides training and services to help low-income individuals achieve economic and emotional self-sufficiency.

Ms. Bloomekatz’s career has centered around upholding and protecting the rights of all people, an experience that is much needed on the bench. Given her exemplary qualifications, extensive appellate experience, and proven track record seeking justice, the Senate should swiftly confirm Rachel S. Bloomekatz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Sincerely,

*Rakim H.D. Brooks*

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President, Alliance for Justice

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *In re 2016 Primary Election*, 836 F.3d 584 (6th Cir. 2016); *Schwerdtfeger v. Husted*, No. 16-CV-2346, 2016 Ohio Misc. LEXIS 18 (Franklin Cty. Ct. C.P. 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., *In re E.L Du Pont de Nemours & Co. C-8 Personal Injury Litig.*, No. 21-3418 (6th Cir.); *In re App. of Ohio Edison Co.*, 2019-Ohio-2401 (Ohio).