



Greetings,

As Black women attorneys at the NAACP, we stand on the shoulders of the women and men who have worked collectively to advance civil rights and social justice in our nation. For far too long, our unique voices as Black women have not been represented on the Supreme Court. This is a proud and historic moment because collectively, we are changing that history.

President Biden has nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Aligned with our history, the NAACP has led in efforts to increase diverse representation on the Court and within the federal judiciary as a whole. We are continuing those efforts now to advance Judge Jackson's historic confirmation by the Senate.

The NAACP was built for this moment. Founded in 1909, we have been monitoring Supreme Court nominations since 1930 when the organization opposed President Herbert Hoover's nominee to the Court, John Parker from North Carolina because he believed that Black people had no role in the political process. At that time, the NAACP galvanized branches, testified at the confirmation hearing, and urged the Senate to oppose the nomination. The nomination was defeated!

In the ensuing decades, we have engaged in advocacy to both support and oppose nominations on civil rights grounds, each time after careful review of the nominee's record. We have weighed in with the Senate on every recent Supreme Court nomination--in favor or against--to ensure that all justices respect the progress our nation has made in civil rights.

It is long past time for a Black woman to serve on the highest court in the land. Since the Supreme Court was established in 1789, 115 justices have served and all but seven have been white men. A Black woman justice will bring a unique background, perspective and set of lived experiences to her decision-making, to her votes, and to her voice on the Court.

This is a critical moment in our nation's history. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is simply an extraordinary candidate for the Supreme Court. She has impeccable legal credentials and has already served almost a decade on the federal bench, which is more than many other sitting justices at the time of their nomination. Importantly, she would be the first former public defender ever to serve on the Court. Indeed, Judge Jackson is one of the most qualified nominees ever named by a U.S. president to the Court.

We are extremely proud to lend our support to advance the nomination and ensure her swift and overwhelming confirmation by the Senate. We stand shoulder to shoulder in our support, and we are asking for your help in this history-making effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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CALL TO ACTION:

We've outlined multiple opportunities to engage with members and partners over the coming days.

This is what you can do.

ACTIVATION:

Now: Monday, March 21, 2022, through Thursday, March 24, 2022

Phase 1: Focus on the Senate Judiciary Committee to support the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court.

Call the U.S. Senate: To access the U.S. Capitol switchboard (202) 224-3121 to reach the following offices of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Also, on Monday there will also be a Patch Through number that will be made public to all NAACP members, supporters, and partners to contact offices of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Tier 1

Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)

Senator Mike Lee (R-UT)

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE)

Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO)

Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR)

Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)

Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)

Tier 2

Chairman Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)

Senator Alejandro Padilla (D-CA)

Senator Jonathan Ossof (D-GA)

Message Points:

- **My name is: _____ and I am a member of the NAACP. I am calling to urge Senator _____ to support the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson during this week's Supreme Court nomination hearing.**
- **Judge Brown Jackson is one of the most well-qualified jurists ever nominated by a U.S. President. She is highly skilled as a jurist and has been confirmed by the Senate three times. She should be given a fair hearing and confirmed again.**
- **At this critical point in our nation's history, Judge Brown Jackson is not only a historic figure, but she possesses legal skills and attributes that have not been represented on the Court. We are celebrating this historic nomination on behalf of the American people who deserve no less than the best-qualified nominee – Judge Brown Jackson.**
- **The NAACP is aware that efforts and misinformation exist – we reject any effort to mischaracterize Judge Brown Jackson and ask the Senator to focus on**

facts. The American people expect fairness because we know her record as a highly qualified jurist.

- **Thank you for taking my call.**

Next Week We Will Share Additional Information on Phase 2 and 3 of this Activation

Key Dates: Senate Judiciary Committee Votes (March 24, March 31, 2022)

Full Senate Confirmation Vote (Week of April 4, 2022)

Additional Resources:

Additional Information on Judge Brown Jackson's record can be found here: <https://www.naacpldf.org/press-release/ldf-releases-detailed-report-on-supreme-court-nominee-ketanji-brown-jackson-recommends-confirmation/>

**Nomination Talking Points:
[Supreme Court Nomination TPs](#)**

**State Conference Graphics:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WJfeWSi8-xN8eZdKh6yMYuu2GEG_oCKa?usp=sharing**

**Black Women are Supreme Social Media Toolkit:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gHpmDLIm94rRaLfzMQUIRHwsJzB4Q8zO?usp=sharing>**

**Black Women are Supreme Website:
<https://naacp.org/campaigns/black-women-are-supreme>**

**Statement:
<https://naacp.org/articles/naacp-celebrates-historic-nomination-first-black-woman-supreme-court-0>**

RALLY:

NAACP General Counsel Janette Wallace will be a featured speaker at the Justice4All rally that will be held 9am – 10am at the steps of the Supreme Court on Monday, 3/21, 1st Street NE. The NAACP will be present and greeting rally-goers to celebrate the historic nature of the nomination hearing.

WATCH:

On Monday, March, 21 at 10:45 am we will be hosting a virtual watch party with members across the country, joined by influencers and public figures. For more information or to sign up to watch, click [here](#). Units are encouraged to watch and live-tweet using the hashtag #BLackWomenAreSupreme.

Additionally, the NAACP Youth and College Division Chapter of Howard University will hold a SCOTUS watch party in conjunction with Donna Brazile, contact: Wisdom Cole. This mobilization will take place throughout the three days of the hearing.

SOCIAL:

We're hosting a 15-minute IG live each evening of the hearings with a special guest, be sure to tune in on Instagram [@naacp](#).

In this moment, Black Women ARE Supreme.

[Supreme Court Justice Confirmation Talking Points](#)

WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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