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“NCBW Greater Seattle Celebrates Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson”

Seattle, WA – April 8, 2022. The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Greater Seattle Chapter joins in the thousands of witnesses, Black women ancestors, who are also applauding this moment, in celebration and support of the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the 116th court justice, and first Black woman to serve on the nation’s highest court.

In response to President Joe Biden’s pledge to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court seat vacated by retired Justice Stephen Breyer, NCBW, Inc. Greater Seattle Chapter President, Angela V. Harris said, “I’m elated President Biden followed through on his promise to nominate a Black woman to the supreme court. Black women have excelled in many sectors for hundreds of years. It was time to see a Black woman with exceptional skills and qualifications, such as Judge Brown, appointed to the highest court in the United States.”

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was raised in Miami, FL and went on to study government at Harvard University. She then attended Harvard Law School, where she served as the supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Judge Jackson’s family exemplifies a true American success story, thanks to hard work and determination. Her parents attended segregated schools and experienced the Jim Crow South as kids, but through hard work, they graduated from college and became public school teachers. Eventually, her father went on to earn a law degree. And now their daughter can become the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson comes from a family of police officers and worked as a public defender. She has also served on the bipartisan US Sentencing Commission and as judge on the District Court and D.C. Circuit Court of Appeal. She would be the first public defender to serve on the Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson clerked for Justice Breyer, where she learned the great rigor through which Justice Breyer approached the work and his willingness to work with colleagues of different viewpoints. She will bring that experience and the same approach to bear on the Supreme Court.

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated Greater Seattle Chapter is part of a 40-year-old advocacy organization whose vision is that black women and girls will live in a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist. Thus, we advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. For more information visit the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Greater Seattle Chapter at www.ncbwseattle.org