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**RE: SC NAACP Urge Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson and Blast Republicans for Contemptable Line of Questioning**

COLUMBIA, SC – This excerpt from the article said, “While Graham and Republicans promised a {respectful} confirmation process, they once again used the hearing to stage political stunts designed to undermine Judge Jackson’s impeccable character and qualifications”. There’s no question that Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is one of the most qualified judges to ever be nominated to the Supreme Court of The United States.

Women demanded political equality long before the nation's founding, but not until 1878 did a member of Congress formally submit a proposal to amend the Constitution to allow women to vote. Approved by the Senate on June 4, 1919, and ratified in August 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment marked one stage in women's long fight for political equality, but Black women didn’t enjoy those rights until the mid-1960’s. Today, gender bias continues to create huge barriers for many women. Women are still considered a minority, while being over fifty-point eight percent of the US population; therefore, equal economic opportunities, educational equity, and an end to gender-based violence must be ensured.

Once again, South Carolina is making the news and not for positive reasons. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s confirmation is an ever-present reminder that elections do have consequences and highlight the significant role of the NAACP. The disrespect and repugnant behavior that Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has experienced over the past three days is a blemish on the character of the US Senate Judiciary Committee, specifically, and more generally, the United States Senate, the highest legislative body of our country.

The shameless attempts of Sen. Lindsey Graham and his cohorts on the Senate Judiciary Committee to use specious argumentation to impugn Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s character and undermined her unique professional experiences and unparalleled judicial qualification is an embarrassment to the process. In 2022 women’s right are still being fought for, and it’s appalling that Senator Lindsey Graham and his cohorts on the committee are embarrassing themselves by trying to discredit the merits of this highly qualified supreme court nominee. Judge Jane Matilda Bolin, America’s First Black Woman Judge, served from 1939-1978, said it best, “Those gains we have made were never graciously and generously granted, we had to fight every inch of the way.” US Senators are showing the world they have little regard for women, generally, and Black/African American women, specifically. It is the position of the SCNAACP that some form of censorship be applied to the repugnance of Senator Graham and his Republican cohorts.