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Dear Senator:

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the 59 additional undersigned national organizations urge you to build a federal judiciary that lives up to its promise of equal justice for all. As the Trump administration engages in outrageous abuses of power unchecked by Congress, the importance of judges in preserving our rights and freedoms could not be more clear. We call on you to make fair courts an enduring priority, and to only confirm judges who have proven to be fair-minded, well-qualified, and committed to civil and human rights.

The civil and human rights community has spent decades advocating for a demographically and professionally diverse judiciary that works for all of us, not just the wealthy and powerful. We do this without regard to who controls the White House or Senate because we believe in equal justice, and we understand the immense power of the judiciary to make a difference in people's lives.

Our courts decide cases that impact our rights and our ability to live in a thriving, multiracial democracy. Judges rule on cases involving voting rights, access to health care, reproductive rights, LGBTQ equality, disability rights, immigrants, working people, sexual harassment, religious freedom, the environment, gun safety, and more. In the 117th and 118th Congresses, President Biden and the Senate took great strides to appoint judges who possess a dedication to equal justice. Many of these judges had significant experience protecting civil and human rights, and many belong to communities who have long been unrepresented on the bench. These judges are ensuring that justice is served throughout our country, and they are making a real difference in people's lives. The progress has been significant.

At the same time, others on the bench have pushed in the opposite direction. In the previous Trump administration, nominees were often selected for having a history of working against civil and human rights work, rather than for it. In the past year, the administration has appointed even more problematic nominees.

As a result, the communities we represent have borne the brunt of an anti-democratic, anti-civil rights assault. Most notably, just four years ago, the Supreme Court took away a fundamental right: the right to abortion. This term, there is real concern that the Supreme Court could once again severely weaken the Voting Rights Act, undermining the vote of communities of color. And as with the notorious presidential immunity decision, other cases this term could remove longstanding checks on the president's abuses of power. At the same

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time, the Court has also failed to address the serious ethics crisis that calls into question its fairness and impartiality.

For our rights, our families, our communities, and our future, the Senate must ensure every single nominee meets the highest ethical standards, is fair-minded, is committed to civil and human rights, and has personal and professional records that back up their claims. Every judicial seat in America matters to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms, and it is up to the Senate to ensure these seats are only filled by people who are up to the job.

For our democracy to work, the people must trust that courts will be fair. Senators have a duty, under the advice and consent clause, to provide a meaningful check on the president's power over the courts. We call upon each of you to do everything in your power to exercise it.

Sincerely,

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American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
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Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
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Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Common Cause  
Defend the Vote Action Fund  
Earthjustice Action  
Feminist Majority  
FFRF Action Fund  
Freedom From Religion Foundation  
Freshwater Future  
Government Information Watch  
Hispanic Federation  
IDRA (Intercultural Development Research Association)  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
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