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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express concern regarding potential issues with the judicial temperament of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, specifically her record on sentencing for certain sex offenses.

Dating back more than a decade, to her time as Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, it appears she has exhibited a profoundly troubling pattern of leniency towards some of the most disturbing crimes in our society. Incredibly, for every child pornography case in which Judge Jackson has ruled and for which records are available, she deviated from federal sentencing guidelines in favor of the offenders.¹

1. *U.S. v. Hawkins*, where Judge Jackson sentenced a man convicted of possessing child pornography to three months when sentencing guidelines called for 10 years;
2. *U.S. v. Stewart*, where she sentenced a man convicted of possessing thousands of images of child pornography, along with attempting to cross state lines to molest a 9-year-old girl, to 57 months when sentencing guidelines called for 97-121 months;
3. *U.S. v. Chazin*, where Judge Jackson sentenced the defendant to 28 months for possession of child pornography when sentencing guidelines called for 78-97 months.²

These are just three instances in an unsettling history where all too often Judge Jackson appears to have sided with sexual predators. This is a serious matter, and cuts to the core of the Judge's suitability for a lifetime appointment to the Nation's highest court. Accordingly, we urge the Committee to undertake a full review and investigation of all documents and decisions in this area, including those from the nominee's work at the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

¹ Office of Senator Josh Hawley, "Senator Hawley Exposes Judge Jackson's 'Alarming Pattern' of Sentencing Leniency for Sex Criminals," *Office of Senator Josh Hawley*, Mar. 17, 2022, <https://www.hawley.senate.gov/senator-hawley-exposes-judge-jacksons-alarming-pattern-sentencing-leniency-sex-criminals>.

² *Id.*

Sincerely,



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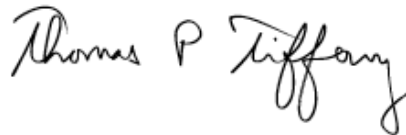
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