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Environmental & Climate Community Calls for Immediate Confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court

(Washington, DC) – Following the Senate hearings on the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court, 15 environmental and climate advocacy groups jointly called for the Senate to confirm Judge Jackson to this post without delay.

Below is a joint statement from: League of Conservation Voters, Earthjustice, Sierra Club, Climate Hawks Vote, Greenpeace USA, National Wildlife Federation, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Clean Water Action, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Waterway Advocates, Defenders of Wildlife, Alaska Wilderness League, Ocean Defense Initiative, Union of Concerned Scientists, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

"As these hearings demonstrated, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is extraordinarily well-qualified to serve on the United States Supreme Court, and the Senate must move swiftly to confirm her.

"Right now, crucial progress on clean air, clean water, climate action, environmental justice, and the right to vote is at stake, and our environmental laws are only as strong as the judges who uphold them. This is why the courts, and especially the Supreme Court, are critical to the environmental and climate community. In Judge Jackson's long and impressive career of public service, she has consistently demonstrated integrity, thoughtfulness, and a deep knowledge of the law and the impacts of the judiciary's rulings on every part of society. That is why the Senate has already confirmed her to three different positions with bipartisan support. Her record shows that Judge Jackson understands the government's authority and obligation to protect the public and will hold everyone, including corporate polluters and special interests, to the same high standards of the law.

"It is past time for the Supreme Court to include a Black woman for the first time in its 233-year history. This is an essential step forward as communities of color bear disproportionate burdens of toxic air and water pollution and our nation faces the enormous challenge of addressing environmental injustices from coast to coast.

"Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson clearly belongs on the Supreme Court, and the Senate should make history by swiftly confirming her with bipartisan support without delay."