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Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

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As important as it is for hearts and minds to be focused on the senseless invasion of Ukraine, I would like to recognize the importance and historic significance of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson nomination to the Supreme Court, as a final tribute and celebration of Black History Month.

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Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s academic and professional experience makes her eminently qualified and her lived experience as a Black woman will add a richness to the Supreme Court’s deliberations. This is a moment to relish and celebrate.

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As an American and a voter, I could not be more pleased. Judge Jackson enjoys a strong reputation as a consensus builder. In civil cases, she has ruled for and against the political administrations of both parties. She was rarely reversed on appeal as a District Court judge after authoring more than 560 opinions. She worked collaboratively with Republicans and Democrats as vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. She clerked for both Republican- and Democratic-appointed judges before clerking for Justice Stephen Breyer.

Although Judge Jackson would not change the court's overall makeup, in terms of justices who lean conservative or liberal, no one should underestimate the value of having justices with exposure to different experiences. In addition to being the first Black woman, Judge Jackson would be the first justice who was a federal public defender. Her brother is a former police officer and veteran, and her uncle was the police chief in Miami. Her experience across the judicial system ensures that she is well-rounded and balanced in her approach to cases involving the Fourth Amendment and criminal procedure.

It is unquestionable that she is brilliant and immensely qualified. To be on the short list for such a nomination, one cannot be anything less than an extraordinary person. Judge Jackson graduated with honors from Harvard College and Harvard Law School; was an editor for the Harvard Law Review; clerked for Justice Breyer, whose pending retirement could make way for her place on the Supreme Court; and has served as a respected jurist for more than eight years. A review of her opinions, infrequently overturned at the appellate level, shows that she is thorough and deliberate in her approach to the law.

Judge Jackson was made for this moment in history.

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres
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