

October 9, 2020

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

Amy Coney Barrett will be an outstanding Supreme Court Justice. As her former law clerks, we know this from experience.* We have witnessed firsthand Judge Barrett's dedication to the law as a principled, independent judge. We have also come to know her as a warm, caring person whose intellect is matched only by her generosity and compassion. We unanimously support her nomination and have no doubt that she will continue to serve our country with great distinction if confirmed to our nation's highest court.

Judge Barrett's brilliance as a legal scholar is well known. We saw that brilliance in action every day. She demonstrated a singular ability not only to distill complex issues but also to spot wrinkles that everyone else had missed. In every case, she tirelessly worked to explain the law in a way that was clear, precise, and accessible to all.

Judge Barrett taught us that a good judge will not always like the results she reaches; a good judge goes wherever the law leads. And she instilled in us the value of debate and discussion as a useful compass on that quest. She welcomed disagreement, and she engaged every argument with respect and attention.

Judge Barrett approached differences with her colleagues in the same way, never giving their views short shrift and never taking disagreements personally. She instead approached each discussion with an open mind and collegial spirit, believing that the project of ensuring equal justice is a shared one, and it can only be accomplished by honest judges engaging together in good faith.

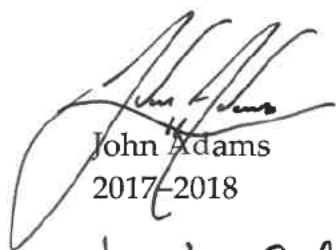
Judge Barrett's impact extends beyond the courtroom. Both professionally and personally, we all look to her as a mentor and role model. Her career gives us confidence that we need not choose between a successful professional life and a fulfilling personal life. She consistently demonstrated how best to balance the two, a skill that was

* We sign this letter only in our personal capacities. One of Judge Barrett's former clerks is precluded by employment obligations from signing this letter and was not involved in its drafting or submission.

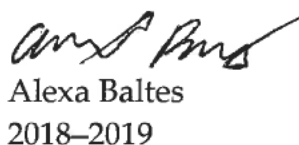
particularly evident in the time she spent with us outside of work, from hosting us for dinner in her home to going on outings around South Bend and Chicago. At this early stage of our careers, it is especially meaningful to be able to watch Judge Barrett live by example—as a renowned legal scholar and judge, loving spouse, engaged mother, community volunteer, and much more.

We have no doubt that we will forever look back on our year spent clerking for Judge Barrett as among the best of our professional lives. We feel truly fortunate to have known and worked for a boss, teacher, mentor, and role model who is so unfailingly talented, generous, and kind. We vote for different candidates, practice different faiths (or none at all), and hold different policy preferences. We come from different schools, as well as different schools of thought. But we unreservedly agree—despite our differing backgrounds, beliefs, and views—that Amy Coney Barrett will be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

Sincerely,



John Adams
2017–2018



Alexa Baltes
2018–2019



Mariel Brookins
2017–2018



Jordan Call
2018–2019



Brendan Duffy
2018–2019



Pardis Gheibi
2019–2020



Michael Heckmann
2018–2019



Martin Jordan Minot
2019–2020



Brent Murphy
2019–2020



Amanda Rauh-Bieri
2017–2018



Jordan Von Bokern
2017–2018