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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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As lieutenant governors, we applaud President Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States and strongly encourage the United States Senate to swiftly confirm her appointment. Our request is not founded on partisan affiliation. Rather, we agree that Judge Barrett's long record of upholding the Constitution and defending the rule of law make her an exceedingly qualified candidate to serve on our nation's highest court.

Nominated by President Trump in 2017 and confirmed on a bipartisan vote of the U.S. Senate, Judge Barrett is currently serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, where she has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to protecting the rights of Americans and never legislating from the bench. Judge Barrett was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to sit on the Advisory Committee on Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure from 2010 to 2016. Judge Barrett clerked for D.C. Circuit Court Judge Laurence Silberman and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and worked for more than fifteen years in academia, shaping future generations of legal minds. Judge Barrett's extensive experience as a professor and litigator, her contributions in academia, and her excellent judicial record make her a superb nominee.

President Trump's decision to fulfill his duty to the American people by putting forward a Supreme Court nominee prior to upcoming elections follows a longstanding precedent of election year confirmations moving forward when the president and Senate majority are in partisan alignment. In fact, eight Supreme Court justices in our nation's history have been confirmed under similar election year circumstances. President Trump's appointment – a core constitutional responsibility of a president – should also come with little surprise, given the transparency both he and Senate Republican leaders have demonstrated when asked publicly whether they would act to fill the seat if a vacancy arose this year. President Trump even released and later updated a list of potential Supreme Court nominees during his campaign for president. Americans elected him with the expectation that he would put forth a nominee from that list – and he's done exactly that.

We hope that under your leadership, the U.S. Senate will move quickly to confirm Judge Barrett, and hope that the nomination process will proceed without the vitriol of past confirmations. It is critical that Americans exercise their right to vote with total confidence that a full, nine-member Court could



examine any challenges to elections results without the potential of tie vote. We are confident that upon her confirmation, she will continue to exercise judicial restraint, interpret the law as its written, and respect the Constitution as it was originally laid out by our Framers.

Thank you,

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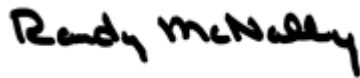
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