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## **Statement from PBCOHE President Rachael Banks on the Confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**

Last week, we witnessed the historic confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court. It was a remarkable moment for this country, and one of indescribable pride and joy for millions of Americans.

Black people have long been champion change agents in our nation, but we are especially grateful for the tireless work of Black women who play a critical – yet often unrecognized – role in moving us forward. With the confirmation of Justice Jackson, a Black woman with impeccable credentials, a brilliant legal mind, and unblemished character, integrity, and poise, she will serve on the highest court in this land. Our ancestors could only have dreamt of this day, but we have experienced it in our lifetime. Black girls of all ages know that nothing is impossible for them and now have a role model and leader in Justice Jackson.

The Executive Council and full membership of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education join me in applauding President Biden for honoring his commitment to our community, and to Black women, with his nomination. We also commend Senator Dick Durbin, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, for driving this historic process and ensuring a fair and timely confirmation hearing that resulted in a bipartisan confirmation vote of 53-47.

Congratulations, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson! You have earned this appointment and we know you will serve this country with integrity and honor.