



April 22, 2022

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Confirm J. Michelle Childs to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Dear Senator,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes that a healthy, functioning democracy where all people can participate freely and equitably is necessary to address climate change, protect our communities, and deliver environmental justice. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, detailing the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

We urge you to vote YES on the nomination of J. Michelle Childs to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Childs' venerable service on federal and state courts in South Carolina for more than a decade make her a strong candidate for this pivotal court.

Judge Childs has served with integrity and distinction as both a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina and a South Carolina Circuit Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. She previously held major positions in state government overseeing workers' compensation, labor, licensing, and other key regulatory issues.

Childs has been a leader in the legal community even beyond her multiple prior judgeships. She is a former Chair of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division, Secretary of the ABA's Employment Law Section, and a member of the American Law Institute. She served as an Advisor to the Restatement (Third) of Employment Law following her time as a senior appointee at the South Carolina Department of Labor. Earlier in her career, she was a partner in a private law firm where she practiced employment and labor law in addition to general litigation.

Finally, Judge Childs' confirmation would add much-needed diversity to the bench. Only three Black women have served on the DC Circuit in its 129-year history even though nearly half the people who live in the District of Columbia are Black. This discrepancy is particularly stark given that DC voters are not represented in the United States Senate.

For all these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on J. Michelle Childs' nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We will strongly consider including votes on this nomination in our next *Scorecard*. If you would like more information, please reach out to a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President