



June 17, 2022

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Confirm Rachel Bloomekatz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth 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.

We urge you to vote YES on the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. As one of Ohio's most accomplished public-interest litigators, she has deep experience across many areas of law and a talent so apparent that recordings of her oral advocacy have been used to teach students at Harvard Law School. She should be confirmed without delay.

Rachel Bloomekatz served as a clerk to Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court, to Justice Margaret Marshall of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and to Judge Guido Calabresi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. As a Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General, she represented state agencies in administrative law cases before both trial and appellate courts. She has litigated in private practice for Jones Day and Gupta Wessler. In her solo appellate practice based in Columbus, Bloomekatz has handled complex cases involving First Amendment law, administrative law, voting rights law, immigration law, criminal law, and environmental law. And she has won appeals at the Sixth Circuit to which she is nominated. A leader in the legal community, Bloomekatz serves on boards and committees advising bar associations and federal judges, teaches Federal Courts to Ohio State University law students, and is a member of the American Law Institute.

Finally, Bloomekatz brings a unique qualification: we believe she would be the first public-interest environmental litigator ever to serve on a federal appeals court. Although her career has spanned many issues, that perspective on a critical and complex area of law has been sorely lacking on the bench.

For all these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on Rachel Bloomekatz's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth 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