



ROC United Celebrates the Historic Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson—the First Black Woman to Serve on the Supreme Court of the United States

Today, the Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United, along with our members nationwide, is extremely delighted that the Senate voted to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the 116th Supreme Court justice.

Judge Jackson will be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. As a champion of labor rights, Judge Jackson is a brilliant and eminently qualified defender. She has fought on behalf of working people, including low-wage restaurant workers—many of whom are people of color, women and immigrants—and everyday citizens.

Dr. Sekou Siby, president and CEO of ROC United, released the following statement:

"This is truly a historic and inspiring day for America! As the nation's largest organization of restaurant workers, fighting to improve the lives of restaurant workers by building worker power and uniting workers of various backgrounds around shared goals and values, ROC United applauds the confirmation of Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court.

"Representation matters and means a lot. We celebrate that our highest court will now reflect the diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences of the American mosaic it serves. We hope that our highest court will correct systemic injustices and honor the power of inclusion.

"We trust that Justice Jackson will defend and protect our rights, especially the right to organize in the workplace. We believe she will bring strong leadership to lift up the lives of Black and Brown communities.

"In an industry where wage theft, workplace abuse and discrimination are rampant, we must emulate Judge Jackson's principle of holding accountable those who break the law, even the ones who are powerful among us. She has and will always inspire and energize us in our fight for economic prosperity and racial and gender justice for all restaurant workers."