



PEOPLE'S
PARITY
PROJECT

**DEMAND
JUSTICE**

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

**DÉMOS
ACTION**



**WOMEN'S
MARCH**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Black Lives Matter Global Network, Demand Justice, Demos Action, Indivisible, People's Parity Project, Women's March

RE: Celebrating the first Black woman Supreme Court justice while continuing to fight for Supreme Court expansion

President Biden will soon nominate the first Black woman Supreme Court justice. This is an incredible opportunity to change the face of the Supreme Court, to make it look more like the country that it serves and to introduce a new and sorely-needed perspective to the bench. This Court will do its job better when more diverse voices are represented. A Black woman will bring her unique experience and perspective to the bench, and future decisions will be more thoughtful because of it. Especially at a time when our country is once again reckoning with our racist past, and the ongoing systemic inequalities that it has wrought in all areas of our lives, the intersectional perspective of a Black woman will be an immeasurable asset to the Supreme Court.

Yet, Republicans have a 6-3 supermajority on the Court and nothing about this nomination or confirmation process will change that. The majority of this Court will still be hell-bent on stripping this country of the progress made over the past five decades.

The truth is that the Supreme Court is profoundly broken. It is ideologically out of balance with the country it represents, its majority is actively undermining our fundamental rights like the right to vote, and the American people are increasingly distrustful of its legitimacy and authority.

We cannot, nor should we, expect this new Supreme Court Justice to be able to fix the Court on her own. Instead, we have to continue the fight to add four seats to the Supreme Court so that the new Justice has colleagues who are committed to equal justice under the law. Only then, when the Court more accurately represents the political, ideological, and demographic balance of our country, when the Court's majority is protective of our fundamental rights and of our democracy, will we have done right by our new Supreme Court Justice and by ourselves.