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STATEMENT: Why Courts Matter - PA Coalition on Nomination of Rebecca Haywood to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals

PENNSYLVANIA – Christine Stone, Co-Chair of the Why Courts Matter - Pennsylvania coalition, made the following statement regarding the nomination of Rebecca Haywood to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals today:

"The Why Courts Matter - PA coalition applauds the Obama Administration's announcement today that it is nominating Rebecca Haywood for an opening on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Haywood has extensive experience practicing before the federal appellate court as an attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania and would be the first African-American woman to serve on the Third Circuit. She is highly qualified and well respected.

"As has been well documented, extended vacancies on the federal bench mean that judges are overworked, cases are delayed, and citizens are often denied justice because their cases cannot be heard in a timely manner. We expect the Senate to do its job by filling this critical vacancy swiftly."

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Why Courts Matter PA is a coalition of organizations and advocates who have come together to ensure that our federal courts work to the benefit of all Americans in keeping with the core constitutional values of liberty, equality and justice for all. WCM-PA supports an appointment and confirmation process that identifies and provides timely confirmation votes for well-qualified nominees for federal judgeships who are dedicated to fairness and impartiality. [Learn more about WCM-PA here.](#)