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### **LDF Statement on Senate Judicial Confirmation Vote**

Lisa Cylar Barrett, the Director of Policy at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), issued the following statement regarding this week's Senate judicial confirmation vote:

“This week, the United States Senate confirmed the 200<sup>th</sup> Trump administration judicial nominee, filling all available circuit court level vacancies in the federal court system . This milestone is a mournful one for this country. Many of the judges appointed have held extreme ideological views. A large number initially refused to acknowledge that *Brown v. Board* was correctly decided, and several had very shallow records in terms of the experience and qualifications deemed appropriate for a federal judge. In fact, at least seven individuals received ‘unqualified’ ratings from the American Bar Association, yet they are now serving in lifetime judicial appointments on the federal bench.

“The most recent confirmations were advanced even as this country continues to suffer through the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in a public health emergency and an economic crisis unlike anything this country has seen since the Great Depression. The pandemic has also exposed and exacerbated inequities in this country, with Black people being disproportionately impacted and dying at nearly three times the rate of white people.

“In addition to the pandemic, we are seeing tremendous civil unrest across the country ignited by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks and countless others at the hands of police officers. At this critical time in our nation's history, the Senate should be focused on addressing the catastrophic impact of the pandemic and enacting the meaningful and comprehensive police reform needed to address this current moment.”

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