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As an advocate for social and economic justice and a death penalty abolitionist, it gives me great pleasure to endorse Mr. C. Linwood Jackson in his quest to become a State Representative in Delaware.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Jackson during the winter of 2016. We worked together as part of a collaborative effort to persuade Delaware lawmakers to reverse the state's use of the death penalty. Mr. Jackson gave dedicated and distinguished leadership to this campaign. He was instrumental in organizing people of faith and goodwill and then mobilizing them in ways that enabled their anti-death penalty vision and voices to be heard by lawmakers and the public.

Although our campaign fell short of its goal, Mr. Jackson's tenacious leadership helped participants forge lasting intersectional bonds that continue to contribute to causes of non-violent social change and progress. Ultimately, the Delaware Supreme Court ended the state's practice of the death penalty.

Months later, I had the good fortune of working alongside Mr. Jackson in Washington, DC, during the annual "Starvin' for Justice Fast and Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty," staged on the sidewalk directly in front of the United States Supreme Court. This event featured Mr. Jackson and other nationally-known speakers who displayed passion for disrupting and dismantling capital punishment. He spoke with enthusiasm and clarity about the inappropriateness and the hollowness of the death penalty and how our nation must rise above its dependence on systems of violence and retribution as ways to hold people accountable for violent crimes.

As one who possess such a strong track record of standing with victims of crime and using his platform to help victims of racial profiling and advocates for justice tell their stories, Mr. Jackson is a proven, reliable and credible source of hope for all who labor for social equity, wholeness and peace.

I believe that if Mr. C. Linwood Jackson is elected, he will render upbeat, honorable and innovative service and leadership that will bring people together around the all-important values of unity, justice and commitment to the common good. It is my delight to offer my endorsement of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

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