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Senator Charles Grassley
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

Senator Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

On behalf of the Alliance for Justice (AFJ), a national association representing nearly 140 public interest and civil rights organizations, we firmly urge you and your colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject the nomination of Kasdin Mitchell to the United District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Throughout her legal career, Mitchell has consistently advanced large corporations' interests and aligned herself with extremist organizations. From shielding Big Tech companies and large gun manufacturers from accountability at the expense of consumer safety and well-being to her long-standing connections with far-right groups such as the Teneo Network and the Claremont Institute, Mitchell's work and ideological leanings cast serious doubt on her ability to demonstrate the independence required of a federal judge.

Mitchell has joined and contributed to several far-right organizations that have spent decades working to undermine voting rights, cut off access to reproductive care, chip away at civil rights, and weaken regulations issued to protect everyday people. Mitchell joined the Federalist Society in 2010 and has spoken on several of its panels related to the end of *Chevron* deference. She also belongs to the Teneo Network, a powerful extremist organization chaired by Leonard Leo that focuses on "combatting woke-ism" and "crushing liberal dominance" in broader American society.

In 2017, Mitchell served as a John Marshall Fellow at the Claremont Institute, a far-right think tank that has been incredibly influential during Trump's presidencies, with at least 70 former fellows from the last decade now serving in the administration. Notable former Claremont fellows include John Eastman, who played an instrumental role in Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election by arguing that then-Vice President Pence had the authority to alter electoral votes; Russell Vought, who was the chief architect of Project 2025 and is currently the director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; and Jack Posobiec, one of the largest amplifiers of the Pizzagate conspiracy theory.

Mitchell also helped draft the petition-stage filings and merits briefs on behalf of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA) in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen* (2022), one of the most consequential and controversial Second Amendment cases in U.S. history. This decision significantly expanded Second Amendment rights and invalidated similar firearms restrictions in several other states. Lower courts have since used the *Bruen* test to strike down laws banning domestic abusers, people with felony convictions, and individuals subject to restraining orders from owning firearms. Consequently, Mitchell's significant role in the *Bruen* decision has led to the further proliferation of firearms in American society, making all of us, especially communities most vulnerable to gun violence, less safe.

Additionally, Mitchell has regularly represented powerful Big Tech companies in high-stakes First Amendment litigation, always siding with corporate defendants. In *Rogalinski v. Meta* (9th Cir. 2023), Mitchell defended Meta in a First Amendment lawsuit related to Meta's content moderation actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. In *Moody v. Netchoice* (2024), Mitchell represented a tech industry trade association that included Meta, Google, TikTok, and X (formerly Twitter) in its challenge to state-level consumer protection regulations in Texas and Florida. These laws were intended to prevent social media companies from censoring users or posts based on their political viewpoints. Mitchell argued that social media companies have First Amendment rights to moderate content on their platforms as they see fit. In both these cases, Mitchell fought to limit an individual's free speech rights while arguing for an expansion of corporations' alleged First Amendment rights. With the rise of AI and Big Tech's effort to exert more political and societal control, we cannot afford another federal judge who will consistently look out for corporate interests at the expense of consumer well-being.

For all these reasons, Alliance for Justice strongly opposes the confirmation of Kasdin Mitchell to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Rossi".

Rachel Rossi
President, Alliance for Justice