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# Rev. Reginald T. Jackson Endorses Nominations Of Bruce Harris And Phillip Kwon To The New Jersey Supreme Court

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The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson  
Press Statement  
Supreme Court Nominations

March 8, 2012

Gov. Chris Christie has nominated Mr. Bruce Harris, Mayor of Chatham, New Jersey and Mr. Phillip Kwon, who formerly served with the governor when he was the US Attorney to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court. Both nominees represent much needed diversity for the state's highest court. Mr. Harris, an attorney, is African American and Mr. Kwon is Asian. If confirmed he would become the state's first Asian to sit on the state's highest court.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has set March 22nd as the date it will begin hearings on these nominees. This committee and the Senate as a whole has a responsibility to fully and fairly question and examine these nominees, and it is my hope that they will, for they will be called upon to make significant and important decisions which will affect every citizen of our state.

While it is the Senate's responsibility to give advice and consent, I call upon the Senate to confirm both of these nominations. Usually I would urge everyone to withhold judgment until the Judiciary Committee hearings have been held, but I have spoken with those who know and have interacted with both men and I am satisfied that they will serve well on the Court. I asked those with whom I spoke if they believed these men are the best we can find, and was reminded that we have had justices on both the nation's and the state's highest court who were not considered the best when nominated, but went on to become some of our nation's and state's finest justices. It is my strong belief that both Mr. Harris and Mr. Kwon will serve the Supreme Court and the citizens of our state well.

It is my hope that New Jersey will not see the division and polarization that we have seen around court nominations in the Congress. Whether they are the best, only time will tell, are they qualified, no question they are. The final word belongs to the Senate, but I support them and urge the Senate to confirm them and sit them on our state's highest court. They will not only bring diversity, but they will more importantly serve the Court and our state well.

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