

Sen. Taylor: Joins Washington, DC rally in support of SCOTUS nominee

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(MADISON) – On Monday, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) will join a coalition of Black women’s organizations in a rally in support of President Joe Biden’s nominee, Federal Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, to the United States Supreme Court.

The National Organization of Black-Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL), the National Women’s Law Center Action Fund, She Will Rise, the Black Women’s Roundtable and a number of national partners will rally outside the Supreme Court on the morning of Monday, March 21st. Judge Brown is set to begin her confirmation hearings on Monday before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

If confirmed, Jackson will be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court. Taylor will visit members of the Senate to discuss Jackson’s nomination, as well as advocate for strengthened voting rights and passage of the CROWN Act. Taylor, as a co-author of Wisconsin’s CROWN Act, which stands for (Creating a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural hair), would create additional protections for individuals who wear natural hairstyles predominately worn by African Americans, in the workplace.

Upon arrival in Washington, D.C., Taylor released the following statement:

“I am so honored to gather with Black women and our allies, from every corner of the country, to show up in support of Judge Jackson. Women have been coming to the governmental center of this nation since the beginning our history, to advocate, lobby and fight to have a voice, be included, and take a seat at the table. This moment is no different.”

“Whether encouraging Senators to confirm a highly qualified Black woman to the

Supreme Court, securing voting protections for Black residents, or garnering protections for Black people to wear the hair that God gave them, in it's natural state or a protected hairstyle, this moment just feels all very full circle.”

“When enslaved Blacks were cutting and carrying the stone that was used to build the White House and the U.S. Capitol, I wonder if they could have ever imagined this moment. When Elizabeth Keckley, who was a Black activist, businesswoman, and seamstress, outfitted President Abraham Lincoln’s wife, Mary Todd, I wonder did she ever envision a Black woman being appointed to the Supreme Court. I’m here for Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Mary Church Terrell, Rosa Parks and so many more Black women, who were told not now. Well, “now” has finally arrived, in a major way.”