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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: Lambda Legal Opposes the Confirmation of Anna St. John for the District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Senator:

Lambda Legal urges you to oppose the nomination of Anna St. John for the District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Founded in 1973, Lambda Legal is the oldest and largest national legal organization dedicated to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (“LGBTQ+”) people and everyone living with HIV, through impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education.

Approximately 5.7% of Louisiana’s population identifies as LGBTQ+. ¹ Consequently, the views of this nominee on the equal dignity of LGBTQ+ people and their families are highly relevant to whether LGBTQ+ people living in the state will receive fair and impartial justice if Ms. St. John is confirmed to the Eastern District of Louisiana.

After a comprehensive review of Ms. St. John’s record, we believe her views, particularly with respect to civil rights issues, reflect a deep hostility to the principles of equality, liberty, justice and dignity under the law for LGBTQ+ people. While the work of an advocate differs from that of a federal judge, Ms. St. John’s work makes clear that her animosity towards LGBTQ+ rights would impact how she judges cases. She is not qualified for a lifetime position on the federal courts.

Anna St. John is the President and General Counsel of the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, a conservative legal non-profit focused on attacking class action settlements. In this role, Ms. St. John has also established an amicus practice which attacks the rights of LGBTQ+ people,

¹ Andrew R. Flores & Keith J. Conron, *Adult LGBT Population in the United States*, The Williams Institute (December 2023), available at <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/adult-lgbt-pop-us/>.





particularly transgender students. Ms. St. John misgenders transgender people, calling transgender women “trans-identifying men” and “biological males” in legal filings. This language is offensive and dehumanizing to litigants, witnesses, and observers alike. She filed an amicus brief in *303 Creative LLC v Elenis* supporting the ability of businesses to discriminate against same-sex couples, under the guise of religious freedom. In *Green v. Miss USA*, St. John supported the ban of transgender women from the Miss USA pageant as it “would infringe upon the pageant’s rights.” St. John has also supported banning transgender women and girls from teams that are consistent with their gender identity. St. John’s message is clear: LGBTQ+ people don’t deserve the same respect or access to the same goods and services that non-LGBTQ+ people receive.

Ms. St. John’s anti-LGBTQ+ agenda has no place on the federal courts. Her work makes clear that she has a disregard for the lives of LGBTQ+ people. She should not be given a lifetime position at the federal level. We urge you to vote against her confirmation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide additional information throughout the confirmation process. You can reach us through Ethan Rice, Senior Attorney, erice@lambdalegal.org

Sincerely,

Lambda Legal

