STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE WOMEN’S FOUNDATION FOR A GREATER MEMPHIS
FOR SUPREME COURT NOMINATION PROCESS

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis and Executive Director and CAO, Ruby Bright made the following statement in response to President Obama’s nomination of DC federal appeals court judge Merrick Garland for Supreme Court Justice:

“Wednesday, President Obama announced his nomination of Merrick Garland, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, to serve on the Supreme Court. The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis fully supports the democratic process that guides President Obama as he fulfills his constitutional duty. As an organization dedicated to improving the wellbeing of more than 17,000 economically vulnerable women and their families annually through philanthropy and grant making initiatives, leadership and collaboration, we support any action that advances the rights and wellbeing of women and children.

It is imperative that we have a representative in the Supreme Court that will work to secure and expand women’s rights and economic security. We look forward to reviewing Mr. Garland’s track record and challenge him, should he receive this position, to make the economic security of women and children a top priority. We urge Congress to fill this vacancy in a timely manner through a fair confirmation process and vote.”

About WFGM

Founded in 1995, The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization focused on improving the wellbeing of more than 17,000 economically vulnerable women and their families annually through philanthropy and grant making initiatives, leadership and collaboration. WFGM is one of the fastest growing women’s foundations in the country dedicated to funding programs that enable women to become economically stable. The mission of WFGM is to encourage philanthropy, foster leadership among women, and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential. WFGM is an agent of change committed to a community of wellbeing and prosperity, where women live in sufficiency, strength, and safety, sharing their leadership and empowering their children.

The recently launched Vision 2020 initiative focuses on reducing poverty in 38126, where 62% of adults and 76% of children live at or below the poverty line, double and almost triple the rate consecutively of the entire city (28%).


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