



## **URGENT ACTION ALERT**

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Judiciary Committee  
is included

**DATE:** September 27, 2018  
**TO:** Concerned Parties  
**FROM:** Hilary O. Shelton, Director, NAACP Washington Bureau

### **SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SET TO VOTE ON JUDGE KAVANAUGH'S NOMINATION MAY BE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018** **CONTACT SENATORS ON THE FULL COMMITTEE AND URGE A "NO" VOTE ON THE KAVANAUGH NOMINATION TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

#### **THE ISSUE:**

Judge Brett Kavanaugh was nominated to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court on July 10, 2018. After four days of routine hearings which began on Sept. 4, and one day of extraordinary hearings on Sept. 27, we are still left with serious questions, most importantly why are we rushing a decision as important as a lifetime appointment to the US Supreme Court, the highest court in the land. At least three women have alleged that Judge Kavanaugh illegally tried to force himself on them. Until these allegations are investigated and resolved by a non-partisan authority such as the FBI, all additional hearings should be suspended, and especially a vote on the nomination. As the attorneys for one of the alleged victims wrote, "As the Judiciary Committee has recognized and done before, an FBI investigation of the incident should be the first step in addressing her allegations. A full investigation by law enforcement officials will ensure that the crucial facts and witnesses in this matter are thoroughly assessed in a non-partisan manner, and that the Committee is fully informed before conducting any hearing or making any decisions." Sadly and shockingly, **a vote by the full committee on the nomination may be as early as tomorrow, Friday, September 28, 2018.**

The NAACP has grave concerns about this nomination and about the unnecessary and reckless rush to confirmation. This nomination is too important to rush. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist on the Supreme Court whose honesty and integrity are unquestionable. We do not need a divisive, untrustworthy, biased ideologue who will further shake the American people's faith in our nation's justice system.

In addition to the new allegations, we do not yet have a full accounting of the nominee's complete policy beliefs, and there remain accusations of perjury before the US Senate Judiciary Committee thirteen years ago when he was being vetted for his current position on the US Court of Appeals. Thus, we are left with a candidate of questionable morals whose incomplete record demonstrates him to be an extremist with no empathy for the very real concerns and needs of most working middle-class Americans or for the unique challenges and concerns of racial and ethnic minority Americans or other historically marginalized people. The NAACP continues to strongly oppose Judge Kavanaugh's nomination.

By most estimates, Judge Kavanaugh's vetting by the Senate Judiciary Committee included less than 10% of the documents from his legal and administrative carrier in the White House and the federal government. This is a huge disservice to the American people. As a judge, Mr. Kavanaugh's actions are bound by precedents of the Supreme Court. However, Supreme Court Justices are able to overturn those precedents and apply their own interpretations of the Constitution. Crucial information continues to be withheld on a Supreme Court nominee from review by the Senate Judiciary Committee, the full Senate and the American people.

This nomination, and the US Supreme Court, are too important. We should not rush. The nomination should only be considered by the Senate elected by the American people in November, 2018, after all the allegations have been resolved by trained, non-partisan individuals and after every Senator has had adequate time to fully review all of the relevant records; after the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress is seated in January 2019. The American people are owed the complete and unvarnished truth.

## **THE ACTION WE NEED YOU TO TAKE:**

Contact both your Senators **and URGE THEM TO REJECT THE NOMINATION BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE US SUPREME COURT.** To contact your Senators you may:

✓ **Make a Phone Call:**

Call your Senators in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and asking to be transferred to your Senators' offices. The switchboard phone number is **(202) 224-3121** (see message section, below).

✓ **Write a Letter**

To write letters to your Senators, send them to:  
The Honorable (name of Senator)  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**A SAMPLE  
LETTER IS  
ATTACHED**

✓ **Send a Fax**

If you would like to send a fax, call your Senators' offices (through the Capitol switchboard) and ask for their fax numbers (you can use either the attached sample letter or the message box, below).

✓ **Send an E-Mail**

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### **THE MESSAGE**

- The allegations of sexual misconduct against Judge Kavanaugh should be fully investigated and resolved by a non-partisan authority such as the FBI, and a thorough and complete vetting of his character and beliefs should be conducted after the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress is sworn in before any votes on his confirmation take place;
- The Judiciary Committee hearings already made it clear that a number of questions regarding Judge Kavanaugh's beliefs and his judicial temperament are still unclear;
- The hearings did demonstrate, however, that Brett Kavanaugh does not empathize with the crucial needs of working middle-class Americans or the unique concerns of racial and ethnic minorities, the LGBT community, women, or others who comprise our diverse nation.
- His record shows a willingness to allow law enforcement to use the repugnant and counter-productive tactic of "racial profiling," an open hostility to the Affordable Care Act and access to health care for all Americans, as well as sensible measures to protect Americans from the growing crisis of gun violence.
- This nomination is too important to rush. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist on the Supreme Court, not a divisive and biased ideologue who will further shake the American people's faith in our nation's justice system.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!**

If you have any questions, call Hilary Shelton at the Washington Bureau at (202) 463-2940.

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# Sample Letter

(date)

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: THE NEXT U.S. SUPREME COURT NOMINEE**

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_;

In regards to the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court, I strongly urge you do all that you can to ensure that until all allegations of sexual misconduct and perjury are investigated and resolved by a non-partisan authority such as the FBI, and any additional hearings or votes on the nomination should be suspended. The allegations directly bear on the Senate's determination of Judge Kavanaugh's character and fitness for a lifetime appointment to the highest court in the land.

The Senate Judiciary Committee hearings have already made it clear that a number of questions regarding Judge Kavanaugh's beliefs and his judicial temperament remain ambiguous, at best. This nomination is too important to rush. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist on the Supreme Court whose honesty and integrity are unquestionable. We do not need a divisive, untrustworthy, biased ideologue who will further shake the American people's faith in our nation's justice system.

The earlier hearings did demonstrate that Brett Kavanaugh does not empathize with the crucial needs of working middle-class Americans or the unique concerns of racial and ethnic minorities, the LGBT community, women, or others who comprise our diverse nation. Furthermore, the recent allegations of perjury and sexual misconduct only add to the list of unknowns. The questions that are being raised are serious. They should be reviewed and resolved by non-partisan professionals, such as the men and women of the FBI. I fully agree with the attorneys for one of the victims, who wrote, "As the Judiciary Committee has recognized and done before, an FBI investigation of the incident should be the first step in addressing her allegations. A full investigation by law enforcement officials will ensure that the crucial facts and witnesses in this matter are assessed in a non-partisan manner, and that the Committee is fully informed before conducting any hearing or making any decisions."

I have grave concerns about this nomination and about the unnecessary and reckless rush to confirmation. This nomination should only be considered by the Senate elected by the American people in November, 2018, after all the allegations have been resolved by trained, non-partisan individuals and after every Senator has had adequate time to fully review all of the relevant records; after the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress is seated in January 2019. The Supreme Court is too important. The American people, myself included, are owed the complete and unvarnished truth.

Please contact me in the very near future and let me know what you intend to do and if there is anything more I can do to make my voice heard.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name and  
remember to include your address)

***Remember to contact  
BOTH your Senators.***

**U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,  
SECOND SESSION, 115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

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