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Senator Reid Continues to Fail ‘We the People’

Hi, this is Mario Diaz, Policy Director for Legal Issues at Concerned Women for America.

The obstruction of President Bush’s judicial nominees continues in the U.S. Senate. Even Nevada’s own Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recognized back in April that the Democratic leadership needed “to make more progress on” circuit court nominations. And so he [promised](#) to confirm three circuit court nominees by the Memorial Day recess. But just like Memorial Day, Senator Reid’s fluffy promises have come and gone. Only one nominee was confirmed before the Senate recess.

You see, the frustration of the American people with the political obstruction of well qualified nominees has reach such a boiling point that they are looking for a leader to transcend politics and stand up and do the right thing. They thought for a moment that Sen. Reid was going to be that leader, but were once again let down by his broken promise.

It is clear that the Democratic Leadership does not care about the needs of its constituents. Many of the nominations pending are for seats that have been declared judicial emergencies. That means that there are not enough judges on certain circuits to handle the case load. This has a tangible and profound impact on the American people.

The Democratic Leadership however doesn’t seem to care. They have proven time and time again that, when it comes to judicial nominations, political games are more important than the needs of the people. This has been made abundantly clear, now that we see that not even the Majority Leader, after making a promise, is willing to do anything to move good judges along.

The Senate has confirmed two judicial nominees this year. *Two!* That's an embarrassing record by any standard and it shows us why this Congress has such an abysmal approval rating.

The people say we want well-qualified nominees confirmed, but the Senate keeps playing politics with nominees' lives, following the commands of special interest groups, making deals, and ignoring the needs of the people.

We are not talking about new nominees here either; some nominations go as far back as two years. Peter Keisler, for example, was nominated back on June of 2006. Keisler is a well qualified nominee with an impeccable record.

But qualifications and merit are not the issue here. It is precisely because the leadership knows that these are well qualified nominees and that if given a vote they would be confirmed that they keep playing political games to prevent it.

It appears that they have received their marching orders from extreme liberal special interest groups that they need to oppose these nominees because they will not be the judicial activists they want them to be for their preferred causes. Sadly, Senators appeared to have complied, to the detriment of the American people."

Right now, the Senate, led by Sen. Reid, has Zero credibility when it comes to judicial nominations. The American people have heard all the rhetoric and empty promises and are tired of the political maneuvering. The people want [action](#), and sadly there is no one to lead it.

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