



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

Dear Senator,

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) and its more than half a million members around the country respectfully ask that you oppose the nomination of Michelle Taryn Friedland to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Friedland's record raises serious questions about her judicial philosophy, especially when it comes to the proper role of a judge. In an essay titled, *Disqualification or Suppression: Due Process and the Response to Judicial Campaign Speech*, Friedland gives judges a distorted power that seems to go into the power specifically preserved for the legislature. She specifically wrote that: "The rights are no more than what enforceable judgments of the state courts say they are ... That constitution only creates rights to the extent a judiciary accountable to the voters says it does ..."

In light of that philosophy, the sensitivity towards religious liberties in light of new-found rights to same-sex "marriage" is another area of great concern. Ms. Friedland has been a champion of what is known as "LGBT rights," special rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. She received the ACLU of Southern California's LGBT Award for her work against the properly enacted measure defining marriage as the union between one man and one woman in California, Proposition 8. There is hardly any question about Ms. Friedland's position in this matter. She should not be confirmed.

CWALAC urges you to oppose this nomination and reserves the right to score against all votes in our annual scorecard.

Sincerely,

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