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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I write on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of supporters of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) to encourage you to give prompt consideration to the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is time to put aside political maneuverings and consider this nominee on his own merits.

Judge Kavanaugh's extensive judicial record alone gives a clear and most accurate picture of the type of judge he is. It shows he is a thoughtful, impartial jurist who respects his limited role as set forth by the U.S. Constitution. But beyond that, the unprecedented amount of material available for consideration, outside of his more than 300 opinions, only corroborates that he should be confirmed without delay.

As of the writing of this letter, the U.S. Senate had received more than 450,000 pages and counting of documents related to the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, with more than 200,000 pages related to his government work. This is an historic amount of information available that should be more than enough for the Judiciary Committee and all members of the Senate to give a full and fair consideration to any nominee.

We commend you for conducting such a transparent process in the midst of these corrosive, hyper-partisan times. We are confident that, after examining Judge Kavanaugh's record, reasonable senators will find the same thing we have — this is an extremely qualified nominee whose credentials are second to none. His judicial opinions reveal to us a judge who faithfully applies the text of the Constitution and the laws enacted by "We the People," leaving personal policy preferences aside.

Because religious liberty is among our seven core issues, CWALAC is especially impressed by Judge Kavanaugh's commitment to constitutional principles in this area. The Constitution is clear in defending the rights of all Americans to practice their faith, free of government compulsion. In cases like *Newdow v. Roberts*, *Archdiocese of Washington v. WMATA*, and *Priests for Life v. HHS*, among several others, Judge Kavanaugh shows what a measured, fair, and impartial approach to religious liberty looks like.

It is no wonder why the U.S. Supreme Court has looked positively at his opinions more than a dozen times and why his opinions are regularly cited in courtrooms across the country.

The quality and depth of his writings are remarkable and show us, not only his incredible intellectual acumen, but also his commitment to develop the exceptional legal talent around him. It is not surprising to see that 39 of his 48 clerks have gone on to clerk at the Supreme Court level.

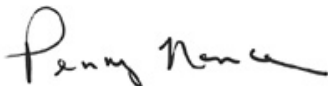
As the largest public policy organization for women in the country, CWALAC takes special note of Judge Kavanaugh's commitment to the development of women in the legal field. As you are aware, Judge Kavanaugh employed the first all-female class of law clerks in the history of the D.C. Circuit Court, and more than half of his law clerks have been women. There is no question that his incredible efforts to advance women in the legal field will yield incredible fruit for generations to come. As a matter of fact, one of his clerks, Britt Grant, is already being considered by President Donald J. Trump for the U.S. Supreme Court.

I hope you find the time to highlight Judge Kavanaugh's commendable efforts in this area at the hearings. Senators from both sides of the aisle should be thrilled by Judge Kavanaugh's intentional efforts to support women. As part of CWALAC's "Women for Kavanaugh" bus tour around the country, we found a significant group of women had not heard about this part of his record and were thrilled to discover it. Conservative women especially are thrilled to stand in support of Kavanaugh.

Of course, we are aware this is not part of Judge Kavanaugh's judicial philosophy, which is what is most important when considering his nomination, but we believe it speaks to his character. We need men and women of impeccable character on the U.S. Supreme Court, as a qualification beyond outstanding legal credentials. Judge Kavanaugh's 25 years of public service, while earning public praise from friends and adversaries alike, speak of the trustworthiness of his character.

It is why we as conservative women can join with liberal, feminist Lisa Blatt, who wrote for *The New York Times*, "Sometimes a superstar is just a superstar," saying, "The Senate should confirm him." That is the sort of bipartisan support standing behind Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court. We urge you to give him a full, unbiased hearing, and ultimately confirm him to serve the American people in the highest court of the land.

Sincerely,



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