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For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. --Ephesians 6:12

“This is the moment conservative women have been waiting for--the chance to return justice and constitutional limits to the nation's highest court. Our nation is at a pivotal moment, and CWA ladies will be in the center of the action, protecting our future children and grandchildren with grace and dignity.” --Penny Nance, CEO and president of Concerned Women for America

The retirement of Justice Kennedy gave President Trump another opportunity to nominate a conservative Justice to the Supreme Court. CWA was pleased with the President's choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Little did we anticipate the roller coaster of a spiritual battle ahead as the nomination and confirmation process played out. The “resistance movement” was activated even before the president's nominee had been named, as several senators made their opposition clear. Upon announcement, Sen. Schumer (D-New York) stated that he would oppose the candidate with “everything I've got.” What followed, we could have never imagined.

[CWA sprang into prayer and action](#) for this paramount confirmation battle of CWA's nearly 40-year history. The Women for Kavanaugh Bus Tour began in [Iowa](#), supporting Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Grassley (R-Iowa) at his town hall meeting. Our bus gained entrance into the Iowa State Fair parade where it was seen by thousands; CWA staff attended the [Iowa State Fair](#) where CWA ladies handed out Kavanaugh push cards and T-shirts. From Iowa our bus drove to states with Democrat senators up for re-election where the electorate had voted strongly for President Trump. With multiple rally stops in nine states on the Tour, CWA was able to support Kavanaugh on radio and TV, videos and social media. Local billboards, T-shirts, alerts, mailings, visits to senators' offices, op-eds, church bulletin inserts and much, much prayer were all part of the plan to move Kavanaugh's nomination. President Trump even tweeted about Women for Kavanaugh!

CWA was thankful to receive two guest passes from Sen. Grassley's office to sit in guest seating in the Senate

Judiciary Committee's hearing room and two tickets to sit in the Senator's sky box overlooking the room. CWA staff and volunteers prayed and brought Scripture into the room every minute of the confirmation process. They personally met with Sen. Grassley, thanking, encouraging and praying with him. The spiritual battle was intense as protesters rudely interrupted the proceedings. Shamefully, [two South Dakota women working on behalf of NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota were among those arrested](#).

The very day Judge Kavanaugh defended his character before the Senate Judiciary Committee, CWA sponsored a [Women for Kavanaugh rally](#) a block away from the Russell Senate Building as the Women for Kavanaugh bus drove the streets of Washington, D.C. Following the hearing, the left displayed their despicable tactics by targeting Sen. Flake's (R-Arizona) personal weakness when they demanded yet another FBI investigation (the seventh) and further delay of a week. Clearly, the left's goal was to push



this confirmation past midterm elections. Still, we were not discouraged, knowing that God works to accomplish His purposes, and we continued to stand firmly upon our nation's founding principles--the presumption of innocence, truth, justice and due process.

Majority Leader McConnell (R-Kentucky) determined to hold a Senate vote, scheduled a cloture vote (a vote to vote) and final vote the end of the following week. Senators were given time to read the FBI report when it was available on October 4. Protesters' last-ditch efforts to derail Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation were in full operation as senators were bullied, intimidated and threatened in their offices, homes and restaurants. In the end, senators rose above the smear campaigns and narrowly approved the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to Justice Kavanaugh on October 6.

Penny Nance stated, “This confirmation journey has been unlike anything I have ever witnessed. ... But at the end of the day, truth and justice were victorious. I have been honored to stand alongside and represent half-a-million women who have supported Brett Kavanaugh since July 9.

His record and his life of service withstood every salacious and unfounded attack. ... Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee showed up. Our happy warrior/activist ladies did what they do best. Across the United States, hundreds of thousands of our leaders fought [and prayed] unwaveringly for months. They wrote letters, held rallies, traveled to town halls, and even showed up in

D.C. I am proud to stand with them.”

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
--I Corinthians 15:57-58

If You Can Make a Phone Call, We Need You!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. --Galatians 6:9

To make the greatest impact on issues, calls can be extremely effective. When lobbying during South Dakota’s Legislative Session, CWA of South Dakota often needs to target a few legislators concerning their votes--either Yea or Nay. Expressing CWA of South Dakota’s point of view is so important, and we consistently do that, but ultimately what legislators respond to is the number of constituents from whom they hear. It is what often determines their vote.

Are you willing to stand up to take on this task? One or two “point persons” are needed in each legislative district. State Director Linda Schauer will provide a brief message to assist you in communicating with the legislator(s) in your district that we are working to persuade. You then proceed to pass along this message to friends who, in turn, call the targeted legislator(s) as well.

For more information, contact Linda at 605-380-6914 or director@southdakota.cwfa.org. She is happy to give you more details and answer any questions you have. **If you can make a phone call and/or send an email, you can do this!** It just might make a huge difference whether a good bill passes or a bad bill is defeated.

CWA of South Dakota Opposed “Gender Identity” Policy Adopted at WDT

Rapid City’s Western Dakota Tech adopted a new Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy even after local citizens and family groups testified against it. Added to the list of “protected classes” is now “gender identity.” With this policy, discrimination is now against people with traditional and religious views, and places “gender identity” not only as a protected class, but also as a privileged group. Men are allowed to use women’s private facilities and vice versa, sacrificing the privacy of *all* students and staff. [CWA of South Dakota opposed this move](#) believing that all people should be treated with respect and kindness. Those with “gender identity” issues need compassionate counseling, not affirmation or enabling.

CWA of South Dakota Answers, “What About Roe?”

With confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, pro-lifers have a glimmer of hope that *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned. What would that look like nationally and in South Dakota? Reversing *Roe* would automatically return that decision back to the states, making abortion illegal in South Dakota. In 2005 the South Dakota Legislature passed what is called a “trigger statute.” This states that if/when the Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, abortion in South Dakota

will be outlawed. Three other states have similar statutes--Louisiana, North Dakota and Mississippi. Actually, 22 states could automatically ban abortion by simply citing their existing laws.

CWA of South Dakota Urges YES vote on Constitutional Amendment X

If the voters approve Constitutional Amendment X on the November ballot, the threshold for any change to our South Dakota Constitution will change from the current 50% vote to a 55% vote. Any amendments to our state constitution should be considered with arduous and careful effort.



Early voting has already begun. Last day to register to vote is October 22. Election Day is November 6.

Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign

Join us in prayer and encouragement for our state legislators during the 2019 Legislative Session beginning in January. Commit to regularly praying for an assigned legislator and sending him/her encouraging postcards provided. **Contact Linda at 605-380-6914 or director@southdakota.cwfa.org.**