

Statement of Senator Mazie K. Hirono
On the Nomination of Daniel Bress
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Mr. Chairman, as we consider the nomination of Daniel Bress to a California seat on the 9th Circuit, I believe we have reached a new low. Now that you have thrown out the blue slip process for Circuit Court nominees, scheduled multiple Circuit Court nominees for consideration in a single hearing, held confirmation hearings when the Senate is in recess -- I would think that we could at least hold to the tradition that nominees for a state seat actually reside in the state, especially as there are any number of potential nominees who do actually live there.

I will not be voting for Mr. Bress. Surely, with nearly 170,000 lawyers in California, the White House could have found one among them who is both a member of the Federalist Society and actually lives and practices law in California.