

**Questions for the Record for David W. Dugan**  
**From Senator Mazie K. Hirono**

1. Prior nominees before the Committee have spoken about the importance of training to help judges identify their implicit biases.

**a. Do you agree that training on implicit bias is important for judges to have?**

Yes.

**b. Have you ever taken such training?**

Yes.

**c. If confirmed, do you commit to taking training on implicit bias?**

Yes.

2. You stated you are a co-founder of Illinois Vision 2020. Its website identifies its aim is to “end abortion in Illinois by 2020” and offers prayers for pro-choice legislators.

**a. What steps have you taken to “end abortion in Illinois by 2020”?**

Vision 2020 was at the time of my involvement a concept developed by members of local faith leadership to partner with other organizations to commit themselves to prayer to end the need and demand for abortion services in Illinois by 2020 through providing a variety of support mechanisms and options for women who face unwanted pregnancies. My pro-life advocacy has always been faith-based and consistent with this concept.

**b. If confirmed, how will litigants advocating for the protection of abortion rights who come before you be assured that you are not seeking to “end abortion” in their case?**

My personal views have not and will not be a part of my judicial decision making. All judges must make decisions and rulings independent of their personal views. I am no exception. To that end, I will, if confirmed, faithfully and dutifully follow Supreme Court and Seventh Circuit precedent on this and all issues.

**c. If confirmed, what kind of relationship will you continue to have and how active do you plan to be with this organization?**

Since well before becoming a state court judge, I have not engaged in any activities on behalf of Vision 2020.