



March 17, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

On behalf of the National Partnership for Women & Families, I write today in strong opposition to the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the United States Supreme Court.

I submit for the record our report on how the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch poses a clear threat to the rights and laws that protect women, workers and others who seek to vindicate their civil rights in court. ["The Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court: A Threat to Women, Workers and All Those Who Face Discrimination"](#) finds that, whether the issue is sex discrimination or worker safety, Judge Gorsuch has regularly sided with corporations. He also has ruled to undermine the rights of immigrants and LGBTQ individuals, among others, has voted to allow for-profit corporations to use religion to discriminate and deny women birth control coverage, and has consistently criticized the Supreme Court's abortion rights jurisprudence.

Gorsuch's confirmation could lead to an America in which corporations are allowed to excuse themselves from basic civil rights protections and safety measures; well-resourced employers are permitted to defeat a person's right to present evidence of discrimination to a jury; any so-called religious objections shield corporations that have infringed upon people's equal rights under the law; and women, once again, are denied autonomy over their own bodies and futures.

The full report is available here: <http://www.nationalpartnership.org/research-library/judges-supreme-court/judicial-nominations/the-nomination-of-judge-neil-gorsuch-to-us-supreme-court.pdf>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Ness", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Debra L. Ness
President