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The Honorable Christopher Coons  
Member, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons,

I have tried to take every allegation referred to me during this nomination process seriously and have dedicated significant resources to investigating every relevant and probative lead. Although you and I have not seen eye-to-eye on every issue, I appreciate that you've handled yourself with the seriousness befitting a U.S. Senator throughout much of this nomination process. That's why I was disappointed when you forwarded me allegations relating to Judge Kavanaugh's "years in New Haven." The accuser—who apparently created a television show in which people strip while dancing to their favorite music—tells of a party that took place at the house of Judge Kavanaugh's undergraduate fraternity "during the 1987–88 school year" and which allegedly featured some salacious activity. Of course, Judge Kavanaugh had already graduated when this party allegedly took place and was a first-year law student. That period is, as you well know, the most academically intense time in most law students' lives.

This allegation has all the makings of a tabloid headline. But there's just one problem. The accuser freely admits to having no evidence whatsoever that Judge Kavanaugh even attended this party. Rather than provide even circumstantial evidence of Judge Kavanaugh's attendance, the accuser provides some "investigative advice." He proposes that someone search Judge Kavanaugh's calendars—the very same calendars that your colleagues have dismissed and derided with regard to Dr. Ford's allegations—to determine whether he attended a fraternity party at some point in 1987 or 1988. And that's it. All he alleges is that he once witnessed a salacious party at a house owned by Judge Kavanaugh's undergraduate fraternity. He then separately advises us to obtain and search Judge Kavanaugh's calendars to determine if he attended.

We've reached a new level of absurdity with this allegation. There is no evidence that Judge Kavanaugh was anywhere near the party or had anything to do with it at all. In fact, the only person we can be sure attended the party was the accuser himself. The lone connection between Judge Kavanaugh and the events described by the accuser is that, as an undergraduate, Judge Kavanaugh was a member of the fraternity that hosted the party. The purpose of this allegation is plain: to smear Judge Kavanaugh's name by associating him with the party's hosts. This guilt-by-association tactic is the basest form of political attack and deserves unqualified condemnation.

My investigators have serious work to do. While the Minority has refused to engage with the allegations against Judge Kavanaugh in any meaningful way, my investigators have tried to pursue every relevant lead. I therefore hope that, before forwarding an allegation in the future, you will first consider whether you'd want you or your staff to spend valuable time investigating it. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Chuck Grassley  
Chairman