

August 10, 2018

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

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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are proud parents of current or former members of the girls' 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament parish in Washington, D.C. Our girls were fortunate enough to be coached by Judge Brett Kavanaugh in the Washington area Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball league.

The Kavanaugh family is a fixture in the Blessed Sacrament parish community. Brett's two daughters, Margaret and Liza, are students at Blessed Sacrament School, and Judge Kavanaugh routinely serves as a reader at weekly mass. Brett Kavanaugh is best known, however, as the coach of the girls' 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams which he has led for the past several years.

CYO sports are an important part of the Catholic school tradition, and participation is open to all members of the parish. Parents look to the basketball program at Blessed Sacrament as a vehicle for their children to not only have fun, but also to learn about teamwork, honesty, integrity, humility, respect, discipline, hard work and competitiveness. With this in mind, no one is more important to a successful youth basketball program than the coach.

Brett Kavanaugh has been a devoted coach and mentor to our daughters. A former high school player and true "student of the game," Judge Kavanaugh stressed to his players the importance of playing not as individuals on the court, but as a team. On the sidelines during games, he led by example. He was composed and respectful. His players were expected to follow suit. He encouraged his players in a positive way to be as competitive as they could be. Most importantly, though, his players had fun, and they all came away from the experience with great memories of their time playing for "Coach K."

Brett Kavanaugh's dedication and commitment as a volunteer youth basketball coach is a great illustration of his character. He took the role, and his responsibility to each of his players (and their parents), seriously. It would not be uncommon for parents to receive a note from Brett about something great their daughter did in practice that night. And even after his former players

had moved on to play in high school, Brett Kavanaugh would follow their development and success with pride.

Coach K's dedication and commitment over these past several years paid off this past season when his 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Blessed Sacrament Bulldogs team won the City Championship.

In addition to his long list of professional and academic accomplishments, we hope that the Committee will also consider Brett Kavanaugh's contributions as a volunteer youth basketball coach – and the service, selflessness, dedication, and commitment his coaching exhibits – to our community.

Sincerely,

Stephanie and Tom Conaghan

Patricia and Brendan Burke

Jennifer Langston

The Flax Family

Eden and Kevin Keating

Ceane and Bryan Corbett

Monica and John Mastal

John J. DiMartino

Wendy and Michael O'Neil

Brian Maloney

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