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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
 Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
 Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
 152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

**The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) writes to express its strong opposition to the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court.** NCJW believes that only those committed to upholding constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms should be nominated and confirmed to our nation’s highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated throughout his career that he would favor the wealthy and powerful over protecting the civil and human rights of all individuals, especially women.

Moreover, for this Committee to proceed with a hearing without Kavanaugh’s full record is an egregious partisan move that taints the confirmation process entirely. Indeed, while Judge Kavanaugh’s opinions shed light on the many hard-won freedoms he aims to roll back, such as the right to health care including abortion, what we do not yet know may prove to be even more dangerous to Americans. The fact that he may have worked on issues including torture, the Federal Marriage Amendment, and block granting Medicaid during his time in the White House makes it even more crucial that Congress and the public have access to Judge Kavanaugh’s complete record.

Our next Supreme Court justice — filling a lifetime appointment on the nation’s highest court — must be a fair-minded constitutionalist who understands the real world and how the law impacts all Americans, including women, minorities, and historically marginalized groups. Judge Kavanaugh has proven to be a narrow-minded elitist who, if given the chance, will only continue to roll back the clock on those who most need the Court’s protection. Accordingly, we strongly **urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote against the confirmation** of Judge Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court.

Sincerely,



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 CEO, National Council of Jewish Women

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