

Open Letter to the Senate:

Confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh

Dear Senators,

We the undersigned legislators, in partnership with the American Legislative Exchange Council, the largest voluntary membership organization of state legislators who support limited government, free markets and federalism, urge the swift confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. State legislators dedicated to small government and freedom believe Judge Kavanaugh is the single most qualified person in the country to serve on the Supreme Court.

Judge Kavanaugh has a proven track record of strict constitutionalism. He applies the law as written. He is a judge who will enforce the text, structure and original understanding of the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh believes "the judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy." Rather, he reads statutes as written—mindful of history and tradition.

In a time of political division, Judge Kavanaugh is a consensus builder who works with all stakeholders to assess cases based on the law rather than personal preference. Consensus building—grounded in America's founding principles—is a hallmark of ALEC Action and of constitutionally-minded state legislators in states across the nation.

Judge Kavanaugh's skilled consensus building has been recognized by Democrats and Republicans alike. Not only was Judge Kavanaugh confirmed to the Washington, D.C. Circuit Court with bipartisan support, his 100 most cited cases have been cited by more than 200 judges in states across the nation, and more than 50 circuit court opinions discuss or cite his opinions. Judges believe Judge Kavanaugh's interpretation of the law is both sound and just.

Judge Kavanaugh's dedication to public service is rooted in his patriotism, community spirit, training and education. After graduating with honors from Yale College in 1987, Judge Kavanaugh graduated from Yale Law School in 1990, where he was a Notes Editor on the Yale Law Journal. He clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, and Third Circuit Judge Walter Stapleton.

Citizen legislators in the states believe in and support leaders and decision-makers who devote their lives to public service as they have also done. State legislators give of themselves daily to bolster and support their fellow citizens and create the opportunity for a better life for all. Judge Kavanaugh's commitment to his community, to mentorship and statesmanship, is unrivaled among American jurists. There is no attribute of Judge Kavanaugh's character, intellect or life of public service that should preclude his immediate installment to the Supreme Court of the United States.



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