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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

We write on behalf of California's working families, communities of color, women, students, LGBT community, immigrant, environmentalists and many others to express our strong opposition to Judge Gorsuch for a lifetime position on the Supreme Court. The recent extreme executive orders and attacks on the judiciary make it more important than ever for our nation's highest court to be independent. Judge Gorsuch's refusal to denounce President Trump's extremist actions makes it clear his appointment is inconsistent with our vision for a just society where every family and community can thrive.

As ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee you are well aware of what is at stake. In just the next few years, the Supreme Court is likely to decide on fundamental issues of basic human rights, dignity and justice:

- Working people's ability to join together at work and have a voice in a union is at risk;
- Immigrant families are in danger of being torn apart;
- The hard-fought right to vote is under attack;
- Environmental and wildlife protections are at grave risk;
- Women's reproductive health is in jeopardy;
- Basic rights for LGBT people are under threat.

Our nation's highest court must be an independent check on unlawful actions by the other branches of government, including the President. In the last several weeks, everyday people have had their lives thrown into turmoil by a series of extreme executive orders. Unfortunately, Judge Gorsuch has not given our nation confidence that he can fulfill the constitutionally required role to protect our most basic civil rights.

The Building the California Dream Coalition formed in 2015 to advance a unified policy agenda that would enable the next generation of Californians to thrive with opportunities for education, health care, economic justice, a healthy environment, and freedom from discrimination. Today, our shared values are under threat from the White House and Republicans in Congress who share a corporate agenda that seeks to undermine our voice and our vote. We are counting on you to lead in the Senate to ensure this agenda is not elevated to a swing vote on our nation's highest court.

Over the next few weeks, our organizations will be mobilizing an unprecedented grassroots drive to demand the Senate reject Judge Gorsuch under the 60-vote threshold. In the absence of clear assurances that Judge Gorsuch will act independently from the White House, protect the civil rights of women, people of color and LGBTQ Americans, uphold the Voting Rights Act, affirm the right of working people to stand together in a union, and maintain our nation's commitment to inclusion for immigrants, we respectfully and strongly urge you to oppose his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Building the California Dream Alliance