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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
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Re: Judge Neil Gorsuch

Dear Senators Grassley and Feinstein:

I have enclosed a copy of a declaration I have received from a person who was a student in a legal ethics class taught by Judge Neil Gorsuch. Since the author of that declaration has requested that his or her identity remain confidential, I am providing this explanation about that document and about how I obtained a copy of it.

On February 1, 2017, one of my colleagues – an associate in another law firm – advised me that one or more of her classmates had posted a message or messages on Facebook about that student’s or those students’ experience with Judge Neil Gorsuch in an Ethics class at the University of Colorado Law School. I later learned that one of those students was Jennifer Sisk. I have seen Ms. Sisk’s Facebook post about that Ethics class.

I also learned from my colleague that another student recalled that Judge Gorsuch had made statements in that class that were similar to those discussed by Ms. Sisk in her Facebook post. That colleague gave me that other student’s name and telephone number.

I spoke to that other student, who confirmed the information I had received from my colleague. I prepared a declaration for that student’s signature, using the information I had gathered from my
discussion with that student. Since that student was concerned about the potential negative ramifications of providing negative information about Judge Gorsuch, especially given Judge Gorsuch’s seat on the Tenth Circuit, I offered to protect the confidentiality of that student’s identity if and when I might disclose the contents of that student’s declaration.

That student signed the declaration I had drafted. I am providing the Senate Judiciary Committee with a copy of that declaration. I have redacted only that student’s name and signature from the document.

The person who signed that declaration is the same student with whom I had spoken earlier. I sent a draft of that declaration to the e-mail address that that student had given me in a telephone call. I received a signed copy of the declaration from that same e-mail address.

I request that this letter and the enclosed declaration be entered into the hearing record and circulated to the Senate Judiciary Committee members in connection with the nomination of Judge Gorsuch to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee members
DECLARATION

I, [name withheld for confidentiality purposes], state as follows:

1. I was a student in Judge Neil Gorsuch’s Legal Ethics class at the University of Colorado Law School during the spring semester 2016. There were approximately 40 to 50 students in that class.

2. Towards the end of that semester’s class, Judge Gorsuch began discussing with the class what it’s like to be a lawyer.

3. One of the topics he discussed was strongly gendered. Judge Gorsuch told our class that female lawyers get divorced at twice the rate of male lawyers. He also said that many female lawyers became pregnant, and questioned whether they should do so on their law firms’ dime. He asked the female students in my class what they would do if they became pregnant and about the impact of their pregnancies on their law firms. He also asked how they would take care of their children after those children were born.

4. In addition, Judge Gorsuch asked the students in that class whether they wanted to become district attorneys or public defenders, since, as he told the class, students who took the career path of public service would not be able to climb the ladder to get better jobs.

5. I am familiar with the difference between a law professor’s expressing his or her own views on a subject, as opposed to a law professor’s making provocative or controversial statements as a way to generate student comments and debate. Judge Gorsuch presented his discussions on the issues of female lawyers’ pregnancies, the
impact of those pregnancies of their law firms, and the impact of students’ choosing public interest careers as the way he personally felt about those subjects.

6. Despite the way that he framed those issues, Judge Gorsuch made it clear that he wanted to make sure that everyone in my Legal Ethics class would be heard.

The statements in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.