



# HOLD YOUR SENATORS ACCOUNTABLE

## THE AFTERMATH OF THE GORSUCH CONFIRMATION

Now that Republicans have blown up the Senate and invoked the “nuclear option” in order to confirm the ultraconservative Neil Gorsuch to a seat on the Supreme Court, senators are returning to their home states for a two-week recess. It’s important for us to let them know they must face the consequences of this rules change and this confirmation. On the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch will be a rubber stamp for the Trump administration’s dangerous policies, and could turn back the clock on the progress we’ve made on workers’ rights, women’s rights, LGBTQ issues, immigrant rights, the environment, and so much more.

Now is your chance to speak out and either thank your senators for standing up to the Trump administration and voting no on Gorsuch, or remind them that you will continue to fight for a fair and independent judiciary and hold them accountable for their vote.

## WHAT'S NEXT

Our federal courts, including the lower courts, are more important now than ever. The judiciary is a critical line of defense in protecting our rights, and checking the Trump administration's dangerous policies and outrageous abuses of power. These courts have an enormous impact on our everyday lives, deciding significant issues such as whether we have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, who can marry, whether people can be discriminated against on the job, and whether people can make their own reproductive choices. Trump’s nominees to the Supreme Court and lower courts could undermine our rights and enable this administration’s radical agenda. This is the moment to ramp up our activism and work to ensure that the federal judiciary is protected from a Trump takeover.

With more than 115 current federal judicial vacancies, it’s time to stand up for our judicial branch. We need to hold senators accountable for their recent actions on the Gorsuch confirmation, and make sure that they know we will continue to fight for an independent judiciary at all levels.

# ACCOUNTABILITY AND LOWER COURTS

## KEY POINTS

### RULES CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY

### GORSUCH VOTE ACCOUNTABILITY

### WHY LOWER COURTS MATTER

### THE JUDGES WE WANT

#### When they couldn't win, Republicans changed the rules.

- By “going nuclear,” Senate Republicans changed the rules in the middle of the game to give Trump’s judge a lifetime seat on the Supreme Court. They did it because Neil Gorsuch could not attract the 60 votes that all recent Supreme Court nominees and seven of the eight sitting justices have earned.
- This rule change destroys 200 years of Senate tradition. It undermines an important way in which the Senate was able to check and balance the power of the president, and to ensure the Supreme Court acts independently of the president and any one political party.
- It didn’t have to be this way. Democrats made it clear that they were willing to work with Trump and Senate Republicans if they put forward a consensus nominee. Republicans refused, and chose to break Senate rules instead.

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#### Senators own the consequences of putting Gorsuch on the Court.

- Gorsuch rules in favor of big corporations, at the expense of the rights of everyday people like workers and consumers.
- Gorsuch refused to answer important questions senators have asked him about his legal philosophy and his record.
- Gorsuch will not be independent of Donald Trump: he will be a rubber stamp and an enabler for Trump and his dangerous agenda.
- Republicans blew up the Senate to push Gorsuch’s confirmation through. When Gorsuch starts ruling in ways that hurt everyday Americans, Republicans will own the consequences.

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#### Don't let Trump take over a key line of defense: the federal courts.

- Lower federal courts are often the last bastions of protection for the rights of people without wealth, power, or privilege. And now, they are an important line of defense against Trump’s radical agenda.
- Federal courts at all levels decide cases on issues vital to us all of us, including civil liberties, clean air, privacy, reproductive rights and corporate power.
- Because the Supreme Court hears around only 80 cases a year, the lower courts play a major and often-overlooked role in helping to define and protect our constitutional rights for generations.
- Right now, Donald Trump has more than 115 federal court seats to fill. That gives him the chance to put his stamp on our justice system for decades to come, unless we fight back against ultraconservative nominees.

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#### We need federal judges that will protect the rights of everyday people.

- We want Supreme Court and lower court judges who will be an independent check on abuses of power, and who understand the Constitution protects all of us – not just the wealthy and powerful.
- We want judges who will not turn back the clock on rights for women, workers, LGBTQ people, and people of color, or roll back protections that keep our communities healthy and environment clean.
- We want judges who will defend core constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice for all.

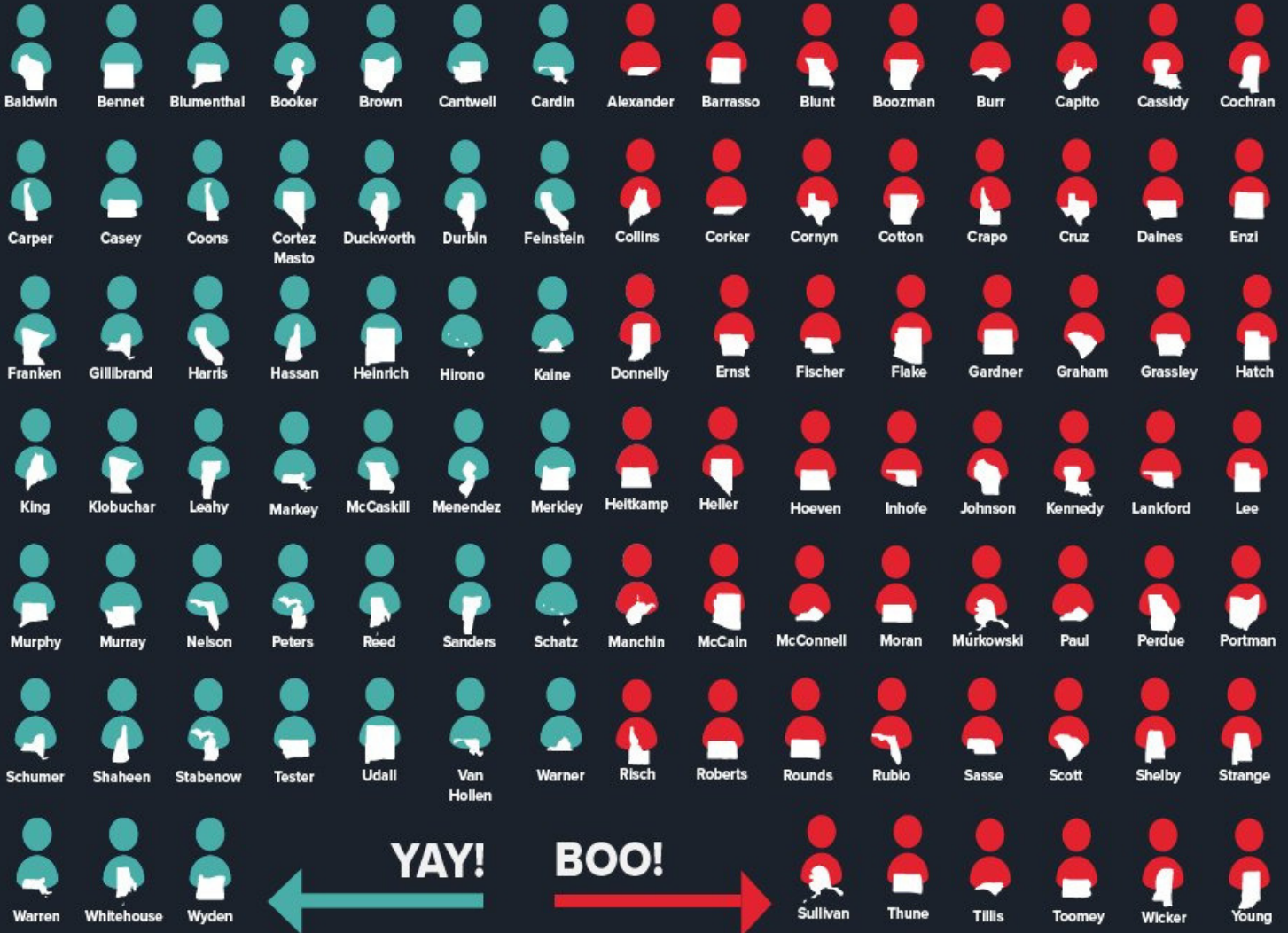




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## KEY VOTES

### HOW SENATORS VOTED ON THE GORSUCH NOMINATION



How senators voted:

# THE GORSUCH NOMINATION

#### VOTED NO ON GORSUCH

- Baldwin (WI)
- Bennet (CO)
- Blumenthal (CT)
- Booker (NJ)
- Brown (OH)
- Cantwell (WA)
- Cardin (MD)
- Carper (DE)
- Casey (PA)
- Coons (DE)
- Cortez Masto (NV)
- Duckworth (IL)
- Durbin (IL)
- Feinstein (CA)
- Franken (MN)
- Gillibrand (NY)
- Harris (CA)
- Hassan (NH)
- Heinrich (NM)
- Hirono (HI)
- Kaine (VA)
- King (ME)
- Klobuchar (MN)
- Leahy (VT)
- Markey (MA)
- McCaskill (MO)
- Menendez (NJ)
- Merkley (OR)
- Murphy (CT)
- Murray (WA)
- Nelson (FL)
- Peters (MI)
- Reed (RI)
- Sanders (VT)
- Schatz (HI)
- Schumer (NY)
- Shaheen (NH)
- Stabenow (MI)
- Tester (MT)
- Udall (NM)
- Van Hollen (MD)
- Warner (VA)
- Warren (MA)
- Whitehouse (RI)
- Wyden (OR)

#### VOTED YES ON GORSUCH

- Rounds (SD)
- Rubio (FL)
- Sasse (NE)
- Scott (SC)
- Shelby (AL)
- Strange (AL)
- Sullivan (AK)
- Thune (SD)
- Tillis (NC)
- Toomey (PA)
- Wicker (MS)
- Young (IN)
- Johnson (WI)
- Kennedy (LA)
- Lankford (OK)
- Lee (UT)
- Manchin (WV)
- McCain (AZ)
- McConnell (KY)
- Moran (KS)
- Murkowski (AK)
- Paul (KY)
- Perdue (GA)
- Portman (OH)
- Risch (ID)
- Roberts (KS)
- Daines (MT)
- Alexander (TN)
- Donnelly (IN)
- Barrasso (WY)
- Enzi (WY)
- Blunt (MO)
- Ernst (IA)
- Boozman (AR)
- Fischer (NE)
- Burr (NC)
- Flake (AZ)
- Capito (WV)
- Cassidy (LA)
- Cochran (MS)
- Collins (ME)
- Corker (TN)
- Cornyn (TX)
- Cotton (AR)
- Crapo (ID)
- Cruz (TX)

# HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

## AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Find your senators [here](#) and call, write or set up a meeting with them.

CONTACT YOUR  
SENATORS

Start a call-in, petition, or letter drive, and ask others to join your meeting with your senator(s)

MOBILIZE YOUR  
NETWORK

Write a letter to the editor or an op-ed in your local paper. Use your personal network and build the movement online with social media. Tweet at your senators.

AMPLIFY YOUR  
VOICE

Hold a panel, an event or a visibility action to show others how the judicial branch affects them and what they can do to take action.

EDUCATE YOUR  
COMMUNITY

## AS AN ORGANIZATION

Send a letter to and call senators your organization is close to.

CONTACT  
SENATORS  
DIRECTLY

Send an action alert to your list urging them to call, write, or otherwise contact their senator(s) either thanking them for their opposition to Neil Gorsuch or voicing your disagreement with their vote.

MOBILIZE YOUR  
NETWORK

Write a press release or letter to the editor in local, state, and national publications about the importance of future judicial nominations. Amplify your organization's position on social media.

AMPLIFY YOUR  
ORGANIZATION'S  
VOICE

Host a panel discussion, a press event, or a visibility action on the importance of the judiciary in protecting our rights.

EDUCATE AND  
MOBILIZE THE  
PUBLIC

# CONTACTING YOUR SENATOR

## SENATORS ARE ELECTED TO REPRESENT US.

Mass mobilizations of phone calls, rallies, demonstrations and other events have had a major impact on the public's awareness of critical issues and nominations. You also have the right to contact your senators to hold them accountable for their actions.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Contacting your senators directly is the most important way to highlight the public movement to protect our judicial branch and make a difference. The fact that 45 senators stood up for their constituents and opposed the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch means that this kind of activism works. Now, senators need to hear that you will not forget the way they voted.

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**Call your senators. Get 10 friends to call. Ask them to ask 10 friends to call. Then call again.**

Now that your senators have voted, it's time to hold them accountable. Many of you called and expressed your concerns over Neil Gorsuch's record and your senators have now taken a position. It's just as important to thank them for coming out strongly on your side as it is to express disappointment or continued opposition when they don't.

## SAMPLE CALL SCRIPTS

My name is [name], I'm a constituent from [city], and I'm calling because I strongly oppose the senator's vote in support of Neil Gorsuch's nomination to the Supreme Court. His record clearly demonstrated that he will side with big corporations and against the rights of everyday people. If he could not get 60 votes, they should have changed the nominee, not the rules. I will not forget her/his vote. I want her/him to evaluate all future nominees to support only those that will be an independent check on abuses of power and uphold our rights.

My name is [name], I'm a constituent from [city], and I'm calling because I support the senator's vote against Neil Gorsuch's nomination to the Supreme Court. His record clearly demonstrated that he will side with big corporations and against the rights of everyday people. If he could not get 60 votes, they should have changed the nominee, not the rules. I will not forget her/his vote. I want her/him to evaluate all future nominees and to continue opposing any that will not be an independent check on abuses of power or uphold our rights.

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Writing a letter to your senator is an effective way to express your approval - or disapproval - of their actions. Post cards can convey simple messages, while letters give you the space to express a little more.

## SAMPLE LETTERS

The Honorable [Full Name]  
[Room#] [Name of] Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

As a constituent residing in [Your Town], I write to express my deep disappointment regarding your vote to confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We know, based on his record, that Neil Gorsuch's approach to the law threatens the rights and freedoms that we all cherish. His record shows that he poses a threat to the rights and protections of women, workers, LGBT and immigrant communities, environmental protections, and other issues that are so vital. I am sincerely concerned that this individual was handed a lifetime seat on the nation's highest court. I will be closely watching Justice Neil Gorsuch's actions on the court.

I also must note that this nomination was rammed through by changing the Senate rules in the middle of the game because Republican leadership calculated that Gorsuch could not be confirmed any other way. This was a disservice to our democracy.

I hope that in the future, you will oppose any judicial nominees for the Supreme Court or other federal courts who will not protect our core constitutional values. We need judges that uphold the principle of liberty and justice for all, not nominees who protect the powerful at the expense of everyday people. I urge you to keep that in mind when voting on future nominees and know that your constituents will be paying attention.

Sincerely,  
Your Name  
Address

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Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

As a constituent residing in [Your Town], I write to thank you for opposing the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

We know, based on his record, that Neil Gorsuch's approach to the law threatens the rights and freedoms that we all cherish. I want to thank you for voting against his confirmation and standing up for the rights and protections of women, workers, LGBT and immigrant communities, environmental protection, and other issues that are so vital.

Your leadership on many critical issues has been invaluable for [residents of your state, i.e., "Floridians"] and all Americans. Now, we need your leadership more than ever. With over 115 vacancies on the lower federal courts, the fight for our federal judiciary is just beginning. Our lower courts are critical to protecting our core constitutional values, as we've seen recently with the blocking of Trump's travel ban and the Seventh Circuit ruling affirming that LGBT workers are protected from discrimination by civil rights law. I hope that you will continue to protect the progress we have made and ensure that only qualified, fair, and independent judicial nominees are confirmed for seats on our federal courts.

Thank you again for your opposition to Neil Gorsuch's confirmation, and for your continued support in our fight against a conservative takeover of our courts.

Sincerely,  
Your Name  
Address

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## Take action.

In the next two weeks, from April 8-23, senators will be in their home states during the Senate recess. Visit your senators' district offices to voice your concerns or thanks for how they voted on the Neil Gorsuch nomination, and to let them know that you'll be paying close attention to their votes on future judicial nominees. Here's how:

Visit your senators' websites and find the district offices closest to you:  
[senate.gov/senators/contact/](https://senate.gov/senators/contact/)

It's always a good idea to bring along a group. Invite your friends, coworkers, and family to go with you.

Ask for a meeting with your senators. If they're unavailable, ask to meet with their staff. There are real advantages to building a relationship with these staff, so make sure you follow up with them after the meeting.

If your senator wasn't there, politely but firmly ask if you can arrange a phone call with the senator. Once you have a contact in your senator's office, continue to set up meetings to voice your concerns.

FIND AN  
OFFICE

PLAN YOUR  
TRIP

REQUEST A  
MEETING

DON'T FORGET  
THE FOLLOW UP

## Prepare for your meeting.

Senators know that this is a make or break moment. The future of the federal courts hangs in the balance. Below you will find steps that you can use to prepare.

Prepare questions and get informed on the issues. Express your thanks, or concern, depending on how your senators voted on Gorsuch. Point out that you will be paying close attention to upcoming lower court nominations.

It's essential that you express why you care on a personal level. Explain why these issues matter to you. Share a personal story of how you or someone in your group will be impacted by Neil Gorsuch and possible future nominees.

Leave a brief write-up of your issue, clearly stating that the senator must oppose future judicial nominees whose records show they will not support your core values.

Communicate on social media, and tell local reporters to follow what is happening. Take and send pictures and videos with your group and share them on social media. Then, tweet them at your senators.

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## QUESTIONS TO ASK IF YOUR SENATOR VOTED TO CONFIRM GORSUCH

**1** **Trump's judge, Neil Gorsuch, has a record of consistently favoring the wealthy and powerful at the expense of everyone else.**

He is not the independent voice we need to stand up to Trump when he violates the law or Constitution, and will roll back the progress made on women's health. Can you explain why you voted for such a biased and unfair judge and against your constituents?

**Neil Gorsuch, a judge who does not believe in protecting the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Americans, was just handed a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court through a tainted process by a president who is under investigation by the FBI.**

I'd like to know why you voted for Trump's judge, and how you think his confirmation to the Supreme Court will help everyday Americans.

**3** **Mitch McConnell destroyed more than 200 years of Senate rules and tradition, and ignored the concerns of Democrats, who made it crystal clear that they were willing to work with Trump and Senate Republicans if they put forward a consensus nominee who could earn the 60 votes required.**

Instead, he broke the rules to confirm Trump's judge. Republicans now own each and every decision by Justice Neil Gorsuch. Do you think it was worth it?

**In Gorsuch's past cases involving employment and labor disputes due to discrimination, he ruled in favor of employers two-thirds of the time.**

He's also argued that it should be harder for regular people to band together in order to hold Wall Street and huge corporations accountable for fraud and other wrongdoing. As someone who is a [INSERT JOB TITLE] and could potentially become involved in such a case, can you explain why you voted for a judge who has been nicknamed "Wall Street's Best Friend?"

**5** **Neil Gorsuch was selected as President Trump's Supreme Court nominee off a list hand-selected by right-wing organizations including the Heritage Foundation and Federalist Society.**

How can anyone argue that Judge Gorsuch will be a justice for all Americans when these groups are not representative of the beliefs of most Americans? How does it feel to know that you voted for a nominee that was handpicked by far right-wing groups pushing their own political agenda—an agenda that could now shape the direction our nation will go in the coming decades?

**Federal courts decide cases regarding civil liberties, clean air, privacy, reproductive rights and corporate wrongdoing.**

We need a fair and independent judiciary that respects our constitutional values and the rights of everyday citizens. Since you voted to overturn Senate rules and confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, will you allow Trump to threaten the women, workers, consumers, and citizens of your constituency by populating lower courts with ultra-conservative judges for decades to come?

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## QUESTIONS TO ASK IF YOUR SENATOR VOTED AGAINST CONFIRMING GORSUCH

**1** **Senator, thank you for fighting back against Donald Trump's appointment of a person with a radical, ultraconservative record, Neil Gorsuch, to the Supreme Court.**

That was a principled and courageous stand, but the Supreme Court only rules on around 80 cases a year. What action will you take to oppose any Trump judicial nominees that are out of the mainstream and would turn our justice system into a rubber stamp for Trump and his dangerous agenda?

**Federal courts decide cases regarding civil liberties, clean air, privacy, reproductive rights and corporate wrongdoing.**

We need a fair and independent judiciary that respects our constitutional values and the rights of everyday citizens. Since you stood by your constituents and voted against Neil Gorsuch for the Supreme Court, please tell us how you will continue to protect constituents and not allow Trump to pack lower courts with ultra-conservative judges for decades to come?

**3** **The federal courts are responsible for safeguarding the rights of all people, not just the rights of the privileged few.**

There are over 115 judicial vacancies right now. What will you do to protect our constitutional rights when Trump puts forward ultraconservative nominees?

**Circuit courts decide roughly 30,000 cases each year. That is 30,000 opportunities to protect women, workers, consumers and everyday citizens of your constituency.**

How will you protect those opportunities by preventing Trump from packing the lower courts with extreme nominees?

**5** **By Trump's own admission, Judge Gorsuch was chosen from a nominee list approved by conservative, Koch-funded organizations like the Heritage Foundation, and was subjected to a pro-life 'litmus test' prior to his nomination.**

What do you think of this kind of special-interest vetting and 'litmus testing' for judicial nominees? How will you evaluate any Trump nominee that is proposed based on interest-group interference or ideological biases?



# MOBILIZING YOUR NETWORK

## GET PEOPLE MOVING WITH AN EMAIL.

Send an action alert to your list urging them to call, write, or otherwise contact their senator(s) and hold them accountable for their vote on Neil Gorsuch.

Name:

This month, we saw a real disservice to our democracy. Judge Neil Gorsuch's Supreme Court nomination failed to meet the 60-vote threshold the rules require to advance – so Senate Republicans changed the rules. They destroyed 200 years of Senate tradition, to force through a Trump nominee with a record of favoring the interests of the powerful over the rights of everyday people.

**Call your senators NOW to hold them accountable for their “nuclear option” vote, and their vote on Gorsuch's nomination.**

We know the importance of having Supreme Court justices who protect liberty and justice for all. Neil Gorsuch's record and approach clearly show that rights and protections for women, workers, LGBTQ and immigrant communities, the environment, and more are at risk.

Many senators stood with the American people in opposition to the Gorsuch nomination and they deserve our thanks. Senators who didn't need to hear from constituents that we will not forget their vote.

Find out how your senators voted and call them NOW to let them know that playing politics with the Supreme Court is unacceptable.

Signed,  
[YOUR ORGANIZATION]

## SAMPLE ACTION ALERT EMAIL

## TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR ACTION ALERT.

- Be sure to include examples of how this vote will affect issues that your organization cares about.
- Include a link to a page where you can gather the name, email, and address of the caller.
- Also include a comment box and ask the caller to record the response (if any) that they get from their senators' offices.
- Include graphics in the body of the email.

# AMPLIFYING YOUR VOICE

## WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## USING SOCIAL MEDIA

### WHY WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR?

Senators often search for the issues that their constituents care about in local papers. Organizations and individuals benefit from getting their issues into local media.

## TIPS FOR WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Check your local newspaper so you can respond to a recent article or a recent event in your area. When submitting your piece, make sure you refer to the article specifically by name and date. This will make it much more likely that your piece is published.

Before submitting your piece, check your paper's guidelines on length. Use our talking points to get your point across concisely but remember to connect these issues to your local area. Find a way to explain how Neil Gorsuch's confirmation will affect your community for decades to come.

While it is important to center your piece around accountability, it is also important to highlight the next steps. Talk about the importance of protecting our lower federal courts in order to ensure that our judicial branch protects all of us.

Try your local or school paper first but also reach out to other publications. This is a very important issue and the media will be looking for local perspectives. You can also maximize your efforts by having others in your community write letters to the same papers. Even if they are not printed, this will let editors know that this issue matters.

**BE  
CURRENT**

**BE CLEAR, TIMELY  
AND CONCISE**

**ASKS AND  
CALLS TO ACTION**

**AMPLIFY  
YOUR IMPACT**

### **IF YOUR LETTER IS PRINTED, SEND A COPY TO YOUR SENATORS' OFFICES.**

Make sure that you bring your piece to your next meeting or send their local aides a copy - this will ensure that your message reaches them.

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USING SOCIAL  
MEDIA

## SAMPLE LETTERS

To the editor,

This month, Senator NAME betrayed the values of STATE and HIS/HER constituents by voting for the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

By “going nuclear” over Neil Gorsuch’s Supreme Court nomination, Senate Republican leadership has destroyed 200 years of Senate tradition, forced a right-wing crony of big business onto our highest court against the will of the American people, and put the very values of judicial independence and impartiality at risk.

Now we face an even more pressing issue: Donald Trump has the ability to fill over 115 federal court vacancies. We cannot allow these courts to be packed with judges who will serve as a rubber stamp for Trump’s dangerous agenda.

Senator NAME must do better. We want judges who will defend our core constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice for all. I hope Senator NAME will listen to HIS/HER constituents and fight back against nominees that don’t fit that bill.

[NAME]

[CITY], ]STATE]

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[NAME]

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THANKING  
YOUR SENATOR

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE A POWERFUL TOOL.

Social media can help you use your network to build the movement for fair courts. Adding your voice to the conversation, and using it to amplify the other actions you're taking, can help hold your senator accountable.

## TIPS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA.

Look up your senators' social media handles. Tag them in relevant posts, and tweet directly at them. Encourage your friends and followers to do the same.

**TAG YOUR  
SENATORS**

Identify the key hashtags for your issue, like #StopGorsuch, #CourtsMatter, and #CorporateCourt. Tie into hashtags that trend weekly, and keep an eye out for opportunities to engage with new ones.

**KNOW YOUR  
HASHTAGS**

Engage with other users talking about your issue by retweeting, liking, and sharing their content. Ask your followers to retweet and share your posts if they agree.

**RETWEET, LIKE,  
AND SHARE**

Ask questions, make polls, and post other content that encourages your followers to engage with you and the issue. Send out new resources that will help people learn more about the courts.

**ENGAGE YOUR  
AUDIENCE**

## SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- By "going nuclear," Senate Republicans changed the rules in the middle of the game. Why? Because #Gorsuch wouldn't have gotten the votes he needed otherwise. #CourtsMatter
- Republicans decided to break the Senate rather than change the #SCOTUS nominee. This is unacceptable.
- #Gorsuch won't check Trump's dangerous agenda. Remember - Senate Repubs own the fallout. #CourtsMatter
- Republicans blew up the Senate to confirm #Gorsuch. They own the fallout. #CourtsMatter
- Lower courts are an important line of defense against Trump's agenda. Tell your senator: don't let our courts get Trumped. #CourtsMatter
- Donald Trump has over 115 federal court seats to fill. We have to fight back against ultraconservative nominees. Learn more at <http://www.afj.org/our-work/judicial-selection/judicial-selection-dashboards>

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## SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS

# #WEOBJECT

to stealing a Supreme Court seat.

# #WEOBJECT

to Trump's rubber stamp.

Find these and more at  
[AFJAC.org](https://www.afjac.org)

Dear senators,

# WE WILL REMEMBER

your decision to blow up the Senate.