

July 19, 2018

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are former students of Judge Kavanaugh's from Harvard Law School, where he has been teaching since 2008. Over the years, Judge Kavanaugh has taught law school classes on challenging topics, including Separation of Powers and an intensive study of the modern Supreme Court. We are members of the legal community at various stages of our careers, from current law students to seasoned practitioners. We also represent a broad spectrum of political and ideological beliefs, as well as perspectives on judicial philosophy. We may have differing views on political issues surrounding the confirmation process, but we all agree on one thing: Judge Kavanaugh is a rigorous thinker, a devoted teacher, and a gracious person.

Judge Kavanaugh was an inspiring professor and impressive intellect. His thoughtful explanations and analyses spoke to the breadth of his legal knowledge. He was also engaging and fair-minded. During classroom discussions, he displayed a keen interest in exploring all sides of a question. Judge Kavanaugh invited robust discussions and consistently encouraged his students to voice different viewpoints—even if others (or the judge himself) might disagree.

Both inside and outside the classroom, Judge Kavanaugh evinced a genuine warmth and interest in his students and their careers. He was exceptionally generous with his time, making himself available to meet with students not only to discuss the class, but also to assist with their scholarly writing or to offer career advice. In many instances, he has continued to provide advice and support long after the class ended by writing letters of recommendation and serving as a valued mentor. In our view, his genuine interest in helping young lawyers demonstrates a deep commitment to the legal community as a whole.

Overall, Judge Kavanaugh displayed an intellect and character that impressed us all.

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