

August 29, 2018

The Honorable Charles 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 women who served with Brett Kavanaugh in White House staff positions during President George W. Bush's Administration. We are united in our admiration for Judge Kavanaugh as a public servant and as a person. He would be an exceptional Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. We strongly urge the Senate to confirm him promptly.

The West Wing is a small place. The hours are long, and the pressure is intense. You get to know your colleagues well in those conditions. And in Brett Kavanaugh, we got to know a brilliant lawyer, a thoughtful friend, and a man of the highest integrity. In the Counsel's Office, Brett was a trusted voice on difficult legal questions. Lawyers and non-lawyers alike counted on him to give clear and considered answers. His analysis reflected his deep knowledge, extraordinary care, and obvious reverence for the law. As Staff Secretary, Brett was an honest broker who faithfully conveyed information to the President from his advisors. Policy debates in the White House are passionate and high stakes, but Brett always took care to ensure that the process was fair and that every voice was heard.

Consistently, Brett was the definition of a thoughtful colleague, always willing to listen to all sides. And no one worked harder. His green Jeep Cherokee was a fixture on West Executive Drive at all hours of the day or night. No matter how many hours he worked or how much stress he must have felt, Brett maintained his focus, discipline, decency, calm, and good humor. His skills as a staffer were matched only by his strengths as a person.

Brett's personal and professional qualities have served him well as a judge on the D.C. Circuit for the past 12 years. His judicial record is unsurpassed, with the Supreme Court regularly vindicating his opinions in many different areas of law. We have full confidence that, if confirmed, Brett would continue to approach each case fairly and with an open mind and that he would faithfully interpret the Constitution according to text, history and precedent.

As former colleagues of Brett's, we know his commitment to equal treatment of women in the workplace and are especially proud of his efforts to encourage and support women

lawyers. More than half of Brett’s law clerks have been women, and he has worked tirelessly to support them in their legal careers. His leadership on these issues is vitally important, and we have no doubt that it would continue at the Supreme Court.

No one captured our thoughts on Brett’s nomination better than our former boss, President Bush, who said the following: “President Trump has made an outstanding decision in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Brett is a brilliant jurist who has faithfully applied the Constitution and laws throughout his 12 years on the D.C. Circuit. He is a fine husband, father, and friend – and a man of the highest integrity. He will make a superb Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.”

We strongly agree, and we urge the Senate to confirm him promptly.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Becker

Melissa Bennett

Elizabeth Bingold

Rachel Brand

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Christine Burgeson

Kirsten Chadwick

Emily Willeford Christy

Christine Ciccone

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Amy Jensen Cunniffe

Melissa Danforth

Ashley Davis

Sarah Day

Suzy DeFrancis

Liz Dougherty

Alicia Downs

Anne Campbell Dudro

Jennifer Millerwise Dyck

Libby Camp Elliott

Ruth Elliott

Courtney Elwood

Sara Fagen

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