

Congress of the United States  
Washington D.C. 20515

October 08, 2020

Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Chairman  
Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Chairman Graham, and Ranking Member Feinstein,

As members of the Pro-Choice Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives, we write once again to strongly urge the Senate to honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's final wish and legacy by not considering any nominee to the Supreme Court until a nomination can be made by the winner of the upcoming election. President Trump and Senate Republicans are not only attempting to fill a seat as people are currently voting, but the President has also made clear that he would only appoint justices who would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and dismantle the Affordable Care Act. The President's nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, has already indicated through her judicial record and public statements that she would do both. Due to this, we vehemently oppose the President's and Senate majority's effort to make a mockery of our democracy and diminish the Court itself; and we oppose the nomination of Judge Barrett to the Supreme Court.

Currently, voting in the 2020 election is already under way, and Americans in many states across the country have already begun casting their ballots. The people must have their voices heard in this election and determine who will nominate the next Supreme Court justice. As elected officials, it is our duty to honor the choices of the electorate. Fast-tracking the confirmation of this nominee to the Supreme Court in the middle of an election is nothing less than an affront to our democracy.

Additionally, our nation continues to confront an unprecedented and devastating public health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in the deaths of more than 200,000 people in the United States. Millions more are struggling with, hunger, housing insecurity,

joblessness, and accessing affordable health care. Nonetheless, while the pandemic continues to ravage the lives and economic well-being of people living in the United States and disproportionately impacts communities of color, the Senate refuses to take any action to address this suffering. Instead of voting on a COVID-19 relief package, Senate Republicans are focused on cementing their control of the judiciary, riling up their base ahead of the election, and pushing through the confirmation of a lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court at a breakneck pace.

As members of the Pro-Choice Caucus, we know that reproductive health, rights, and justice are at stake with this nomination. President Trump has repeatedly said he will only nominate justices who are hostile to abortion. During the 2016 election, President Trump campaigned on his commitment to nominating justices who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. That is his litmus test and, based on her record and public statements, we know that Judge Barrett meets this test.

Judge Barrett's record shows she is a clear and present threat to *Roe* and reproductive freedom. She has publicly opposed abortion and ascribes to such extreme views that she could also call into question the legality of certain forms of birth control and fertility care. She has suggested that *Roe* is an "erroneous decision", stated that life begins at conception, sided with states trying to restrict abortion access, and joined anti-choice groups in voicing opposition to the Affordable Care Act's coverage of contraception. Should she be confirmed, Judge Barrett would radically endanger our fundamental rights for decades to come.

Further, Judge Barrett has an extreme record on racism in the workplace, the Affordable Care Act and access to health care, marriage equality, the rights of immigrants and people seeking asylum, and criminal justice. Confirming her nomination risks the most fundamental rights and freedoms of all Americans: reproductive rights, access to health care, equality for LGBTQ+ people, gender equality, voting rights, racial justice, immigrant rights, environmental justice, and so much more.

These threats are not abstract. There are currently 17 abortion-related cases that are only one step away from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on a case that challenges the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act this November, just days after the presidential election; if President Trump and Republican Attorneys General are successful and win this case, over 20 million people could lose health coverage and hundreds of millions more could lose protections for preexisting conditions. Access to legal abortion and high-quality, affordable health care is already out of reach for people pushed to the margins by our health care system, especially Black, brown, and indigenous people, immigrants, low-income people, LGBTQ+ individuals, and everyone living at the intersections of these identities.

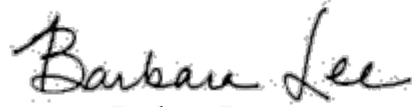
Judge Barrett's confirmation to the Supreme Court would cement a conservative supermajority on the court and would tip the balance against our fundamental rights, including reproductive freedom, for generations. We need a justice who will work to protect equal justice under the law for all, not just a privileged few—Judge Barrett does not meet that standard.

We urge our colleagues in the Senate to wait to consider any Supreme Court nominee until a nomination can be made by the winner of the upcoming election, and express our vehement opposition to the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

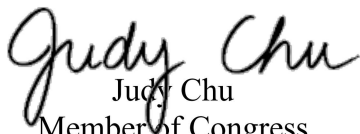
Sincerely,



Diana DeGette  
Member of Congress



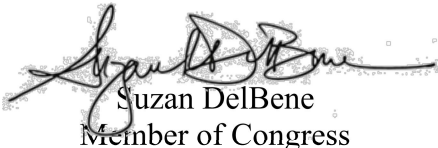
Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress



Judy Chu  
Member of Congress



Julia Brownley  
Member of Congress



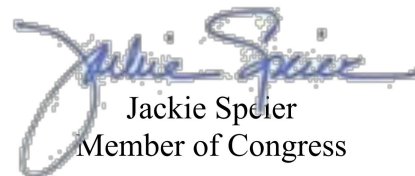
Suzan DelBene  
Member of Congress



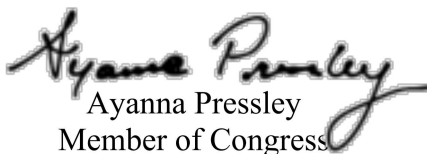
Katherine M. Clark  
Member of Congress



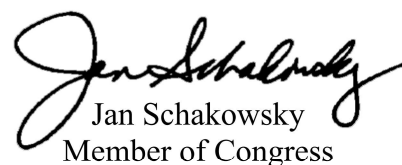
Norma J. Torres  
Member of Congress



Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress



Ayanna Pressley  
Member of Congress



Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress



Theodore E. Deutch  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald E. Connolly  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Casten  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter A. DeFazio  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie Watson Coleman  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Morelle  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
André Carson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Val Demings  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Grace F. Napolitano  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Beatty  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Levin  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lloyd Doggett  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph P. Kennedy, III  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Dina Titus  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Kirkpatrick  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lois Frankel  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Alma Adams  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Rosa L. DeLauro  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Nita Lowey  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
David Trone  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Levin  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Blunt Rochester  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Trahan  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Pocan  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Nanette Diaz Barragán  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Wild  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Adriano Espaillat  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Takano  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Deb Haaland  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Nydia Velázquez  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Yvette D. Clarke  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Marcy Kaptur  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Maloney  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Thompson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Sylvia Garcia  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Zoe Lofgren  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Veronica Escobar  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Case  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald S. Beyer Jr.  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted W. Lieu  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerrold Nadler  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Darren Soto  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley S. Schneider  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
William R. Keating  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Lowenthal  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Gay Scanlon  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne Bonamici  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Gomez  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Kildee  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Doyle  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Smith  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
David Price  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bennie Thompson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Albio Sires  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Welch  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald M. Payne, Jr.  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Marcia L. Fudge  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Larsen  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Castor  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Wexton  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Shalala  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Foster  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Higgins  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Lawrence  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Crow  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Rice  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
David N. Cicilline  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony G. Brown  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Rashida Tlaib  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Madeleine Dean  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Doris Matsui  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Pramila Jayapal  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Horsford  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Davis  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Cárdenas  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
John Yarmuth  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
David Scott  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda T. Sánchez  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Eshoo  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Marc Veasey  
Member of Congress



\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ami Bera, M.D.  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Al Lawson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Frederica Wilson  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby L. Rush  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
A. Donald McEachin  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Peters  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Schiff  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Colin Allred  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Brendan F. Boyle  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jesús G. “Chuy” Garcia  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Denny Heck  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jared Huffman  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Seth Moulton  
Member of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress