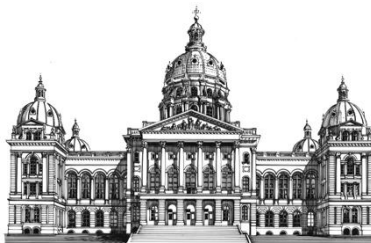


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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Chairman Grassley:

During our work in the Iowa Senate, we consistently focus on laws that will expand and protect freedom for the people of Iowa. We spend a lot of time working on the language and the policy, making sure we get it just right, as do lawmakers all across the United States. When laws are challenged in our country, they can make their way as high as the Supreme Court. In those instances, the judges who preside over these cases determine the constitutionality of the laws passed by the people's elected representatives. This role is why Supreme Court justices are so important and why we are supporting President Trump's nominee to the United States Supreme Court, Brett Kavanaugh.

We firmly believe the role of a judge in our government is to interpret the law as it is written. Judge Kavanaugh has a long record of doing just that and interpreting the Constitution as it was originally intended. He is supremely qualified for this appointment, dedicating most of his life to public service. He has served for over a decade as a federal judge and spent a number of years as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. He has over 300 published opinions, often cited by judges across the country and even supported by the Supreme Court.

In 1990 Judge Kavanaugh graduated from Yale Law School. Later he would become a law clerk to Justice Kennedy, serve as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice and become a Samuel Williston Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School.

Judge Kavanaugh has spent many years working to improve the lives of others and working to protect the rights of private citizens, while strictly interpreting the laws and our Constitution as

they were written. He will be an advocate for freedom for the people of the United States and an outstanding addition to the Supreme Court.

Signed,

Senator Brad Zaun, Senate Judiciary Chairman
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