

**SENATOR HAWLEY STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AT THE OCTOBER 22, 2020
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING**

This is a historic moment. This is a historic nomination. And it is one that the members of this committee can be proud of — and the American people too.

Two things stand out to me in particular with respect to Judge Barrett's nomination.

First, this is the most openly pro-life nominee to the Supreme Court in my lifetime. She has been open about her views on life, and she did not back away from those in these hearings. Let this confirmation process serve as proof that openly pro-life nominees, who have been critical of Roe, can be confirmed to the federal bench.

And let this confirmation mark the moment when the Senate Judiciary Committee rejected Democrats' attempts to install a religious test in violation of the Constitution of the United States. Democrats relentlessly attacked Judge Barrett for her Catholic faith for years, and during this nomination process. They said she would be a "Catholic Judge," that the "dogma" lived "loudly within her"; they questioned whether she was "orthodox" in her faith and suggested her association with Christian groups was disqualifying. These attacks utterly failed. And they deserved to fail. The Constitution says plainly, there shall be no religious tests for office in this country. The Democrats' multi-year effort to install one has been wrong, it has violated the spirit and the letter of our Constitution, and it has smacked of religious bigotry. That bigotry failed to stop Amy Barrett.

I would like to thank Chairman Graham for his leadership in holding and overseeing these hearings. And I would like to thank all my Republican colleagues on this committee for their work in moving this important nomination forward, and reporting it favorably to the Senate floor. I look forward to her final confirmation.