**CAC Message Guidance: Justice Kennedy**

Justice Kennedy’s retirement removes a significant moderating influence on the Supreme Court that could have enormous impact on the rights and liberties of all Americans.

* Justice Kennedy’s retirement could leave the Court vulnerable to a dangerous ideological shift that threatens existing law and bedrock decisions impacting the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. Americans have a lot at stake.
* Congress has explicitly protected Americans’ right to a healthy environment with the Clean Air Act, the bedrock of public health and environmental safeguards that has multiple times been upheld by the Supreme Court.
* The 2009 endangerment finding that the Environmental Protection Agency is obligated to protect Americans from dangerous climate pollutants like carbon pollution - a responsibility that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is now trying to shirk.
* Americans cannot afford a Supreme Court nominee who won’t respect existing law and court precedent, or could allow corporations to rewrite the law to pollute the air we breathe and water we drink.

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