



Toplines on Kavanaugh:

- Unfortunately, Donald Trump's nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, doesn't meet the basic standard of putting the values of the Constitution and the rights of all Americans before the wealthy and the powerful. America deserves a Justice who will restore balance on the Court. Trump's pick has a record that shows they will put powerful corporations and extreme ideas before people across the country -- and that is why Trump's pick must be rejected.
- Donald Trump's nominee wasn't chosen by him, he was selected by extremist right-wing organizations that were not elected by the American people. These organizations are secretly funded by a handful of wealthy individuals to do their bidding on every level of government.
- The Sierra Club is mobilizing our more than three million members and supporters to stop Donald Trump's pick, Brett Kavanaugh, because putting Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court is a threat to the health of the public, to equality, to woman's rights, to clean air and water, and to our democracy itself.
- With a more unbalanced Supreme Court, our nation's bedrock public health and environmental laws -- like the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act -- will be at risk. And given Kavanaugh's track record on challenging the mission of EPA, we would anticipate that he will continue to seek to weaken the agency and limit its ability to tackle the climate crisis.
- Kavanaugh's troubling record raises very serious concerns about where he stands on issues like the climate crisis, women's health, civil rights, and health and safety in the workplace.
- Given his anti-EPA, anti-environment rulings and writings, Brett Kavanaugh will not hold polluters accountable or respect long-standing, bedrock environmental and public health laws and safeguards. In decision after decision, he has shown that he will back the right of corporations and millionaires to pollute over the right of the public to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in safe communities.
- In decision after decision, Kavanaugh has shown that he will back the right of corporations and millionaires to pollute over the right of the public to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in safe communities. With Kavanaugh, an extremist Supreme Court will threaten our nation's bedrock public health and environmental laws like the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.
- In *EME Homer City Generation, L.P. v. E.P.A.*, Kavanaugh demonstrated he will dismantle EPA's ability to tighten environmental standards. In *Mexichem Fluor, Inc. v. EPA*, Kavanaugh exposed his consistent inclination to block the authority of the EPA and



invalidate crucial environmental safeguards. In *Mingo Logan Coal Co v. EPA* Kavanaugh showed his insistence on prioritizing the costs to industry over costs to the safety and health of people and our environment. And these are just three of the many, many examples of Kavanaugh's insistence on putting corporations over people.

- The record indicates Trump's pick will side with big corporations and millionaires instead of clean air and water, and put the rich before everyone else.
- In order to protect our working families, we must protect our democracy. And that means having the people's interests represented in all three branches of government. That means having a Justice who will not skew the Court farther towards the extreme right and who will restore the balance on the court.
- That is why the Senate must reject Trump's pick, Brett Kavanaugh, to ensure the nation's highest court who will act in the best interest of everyone who lives in the United States, not just corporate polluters, right-wing ideologues, and the most wealthy.

General talking points on SCOTUS nomination

- Donald Trump's agenda is to gut environmental protections and turn back the clock on decades of climate, civil, and social progress -- and, as Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, Brett Kavanaugh is likely to help him do just that. If Kavanaugh is confirmed, we would expect Brett Kavanaugh to follow in Trump's footsteps and pave the way for even more attacks on our climate, our air, and our water.
- Kavanaugh is being nominated for a lifetime appointment. The Court must serve as a check on the executive branch -- a check that's more important now than ever, given Donald Trump's extreme, misguided, unconstitutional executive actions. The Supreme Court must be filled with people who judge impartially. We need Supreme Court Justices to uphold the rule of law -- even against a President who tries to distort it. Brett Kavanaugh's judicial philosophy will not rein in Trump and hold him to his constitutional limitations; rather, Trump's pick has proven to put the wealthy and powerful before the people.
- As members for life of the highest court in the country, Supreme Court Justices have the solemn responsibility to be fair, even-handed, and uphold the sanctity of our laws and the values of our Constitution, and to keep faith with the letter and spirit of the nation's core public health, environmental, civil rights, and labor laws.
- The Supreme Court must protect the rights of women, workers, the LGBTQ community, immigrants, people of color, and other vulnerable communities. The Court must protect access to healthcare for millions, secure clean air and clean water for all, ensure legally-mandated action to tackle the climate crisis, uphold the right to vote, and



safeguard the very strength of our democracy. All of those things could be threatened if a justice is confirmed who sides with the rich and powerful over the people.

- A Justice must appreciate the issues and challenges facing working families and the importance of upholding and enforcing the rights of all Americans, not just the demands of billionaires and right-wing extremists.
- A balanced Supreme Court is the final safeguard against abuses of power by the president and other politicians.
- The decision on the next Supreme Court justice will shape the direction of our country for generations, and will determine whether the promises enshrined in our Constitution and our laws are protected or eliminated.
- The American people cannot afford 40 more years of Trump's values on the Supreme Court.
- Our Senators need to do their jobs to protect the rights of all Americans, not just the most wealthy and powerful.
- The American people deserve a Supreme Court nominee that will maintain the balance of the Court and does not hold extreme views that would threaten the critical safeguards that protect individual rights as well as the health of our families and the environment.
- That is why the Senate should only confirm a new Justice to the nation's highest court who will act in the best interest of everyone who lives in the United States, not just corporate polluters, right-wing ideologues, and the most wealthy.
- Given what we know about Donald Trump's lower court nominees and Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch but ignoring climate science and the laws that keep our air and water clean, we do not expect Brett Kavanaugh to hold polluters accountable or respect standing environmental or public health laws and safeguards.
- The Sierra Club is committed to rising up with our allies across the country to ensure that only a Justice who puts people before the interests of the rich and powerful is confirmed to the Court. We must maintain the balance on the Court for the sake of the rights of everyone in this country and the values we cherish.