



Elections & Laws for Life

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Dear Senator,

On behalf of our more than 900,000 members, the Susan B. Anthony List strongly supports and will score in favor of votes concerning the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Barrett is widely recognized as a brilliant, thoughtful jurist. A mother of seven children, two of whom are adopted and one of whom has special needs, Judge Barrett's reputation is one of kindness, decorum, and determination. She is respected by legal minds of varying persuasions and ideologies. Judge Barrett has proven herself to handle disputes impartially, approaching cases as a textualist and originalist who loves the constitution. She rightly leaves politics to politicians and legislating to legislators.

In 2017 the U.S. Senate recognized Amy Barrett's distinguished career and reputation, confirming the former clerk to the late Justice Antonin Scalia to the Seventh Circuit with bipartisan support. Once again, Judge Barrett deserves the full support of the Senate as you now consider her confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Judge Barrett strives to apply the governing law in each case, appropriately following controlling precedent and pointing out the "unsettled status of pre-enforcement challenges in the abortion context."<sup>i</sup> In a significant case, *Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, Inc. v. Commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health*,<sup>ii</sup> a Seventh Circuit panel had ruled against an Indiana law regarding the appropriate disposition of fetal remains as well as an Indiana law prohibiting discriminatory abortions. On the ruling regarding the disposal statute, Judge Barrett joined a dissent that said, "The panel has held invalid a statute that would be sustained had it concerned the remains of cats or gerbils." The dissent also expressed skepticism that *Casey* precedent condemned the anti-eugenics law, noting, "Using abortion to promote eugenic goals is morally and prudentially debatable on grounds different from those that underlay the statutes *Casey* considered."

Judge Amy Coney Barrett is the Supreme Court Justice America needs. Her life and jurisprudential record prove that she deserves elevation to the Supreme Court of the United States. We trust that her convictions, writings, and values will lead you to the same conclusion.

Susan B. Anthony List strongly supports the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett. We will score in favor of votes concerning her confirmation, including a cloture vote on the motion to proceed, the cloture vote to end debate, and the vote on final confirmation. Votes in favor of her confirmation will be reflected on senators' profiles on our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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Susan B. Anthony List

<sup>i</sup> <http://media.ca7.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/rssExec.pl?Submit=Display&Path=Y2019/D10-30/C:17-2428:J:Kanne:dis:T:opDr:N:2422451:S:0>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://media.ca7.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/rssExec.pl?Submit=Display&Path=Y2018/D06-25/C:17-3163:J:PerCuriam:aut:T:npDp:N:2176287:S:0>