

National Call-in Day – Friday, September 14, 2018: Based on Judge Kavanaugh's record on issues important to people with disabilities, disability groups strongly oppose his confirmation. Last week's confirmation hearing did nothing to ease concerns about Judge Kavanaugh being appointed to the Supreme Court. His confirmation is a real threat to hard-won rights and protections for people with disabilities. His record shows that Judge Kavanaugh would place at risk access to health care, civil rights protections, opportunities for people with disabilities to make choices about their own lives, and the ability of executive branch agencies to enforce laws protecting people with disabilities. The Senate will soon vote on Kavanaugh's nomination so we need to make our voices heard now!

Let's make all of our voices heard together on the National Call-in Day on Friday, September 14, 2018.

What You Can Do:

- **Educate** your Senators about Kavanaugh's disability record and raise concerns. Ask them to VOTE NO on his confirmation if you can.
- Call your senators through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.
 - Call-in Script:
 - My name is **[your full name]**. I'm a constituent of **Senator [Name]**, and I live in **[your town]**. I'm calling to ask the Senator to vote NOT to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh would undermine the Affordable Care Act, and he is a danger to the rights of people with disabilities. In 2007, he ruled that people with intellectual disabilities don't have a right to a say in our health care. People with disabilities like **[me/ my family member/ my friends]** have a right to health care, and we have a right to make our own choices about what happens to our bodies. Please keep this dangerous man off the Supreme Court.
- If you live in Maine, Alaska, Indiana, Alabama, North Dakota, or West
 Virginia, it is particularly important to contact your senators. Also email key
 staffers for these senators if you live in one of those states (addresses below). If
 you know anyone in these states, reach out to them and ask them to contact their
 Senators.

- Write to your Senators. You can use this <u>link to ask to oppose</u> (Access Living) and link to educate <u>and raise concerns</u> (AUCD)
- Visit your Senators in their DC or home offices.

Background Materials on Kavanaugh and disability:

- Testimony from Judge Kavanaugh's Confirmation Hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding disability and healthcare issues:
 - Liz Weintraub, Senior Advocacy Specialist at AUCD, about her concerns that Judge Kavanaugh has shown a lack of respect for the selfdetermination rights of people with disabilities: <u>written testimony</u>, <u>video</u>
 - Jackson Corbin, a 13-year old boy with complex medical needs due to Noonan's Syndrome, about the impact that appointing Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court would have on health care: <u>written testimony</u>, <u>video</u>
- Bazelon Center's analysis of Kavanaugh's disability record
- Letter from 104 disability organizations opposing Kavanaugh's nomination
- <u>Ten Reasons People with Disabilities Should Oppose Judge Kavanaugh's</u> Nomination
- Center for Public Representation's resource re why the Supreme Court is important for people with disabilities and summary of Kavanaugh's disability record
- AUCD's opposition statement
- AUCD's plain language talking points
- NCIL's opposition statement
- Center for American Progress piece
- Robyn Powell's Rewire piece
- What the Kavanaugh Nomination Means for People with Disabilities: Access to Health Care
- What the Kavanaugh Nomination Means for People with Disabilities: Right to Make Your Own Choices
- Grassroots Kavanaugh explainer (Center for Public Representation, Autistic Self Advocacy Network & Access Living)

Contact staffers of key Senators – for people who live in that state. If you live in one of the key target states (Maine, Alaska, Indiana, Alabama, North Dakota, or West Virginia) please email the two staffers of your Senator in your state, listed below. Use the Call-in Script above, or share your own message of concern or opposition.

Maine (Susan Collins): amy_pellegrino@aging.senate.gov,
katie brown@collins.senate.gov

- Alaska (Lisa Murkowski): <u>garrett_boyle@murkowski.senate.gov</u> nathan_bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov
- Indiana (Joe Donnelly): <u>joseph_mcnally@donnelly.senate.gov</u>, sarah_bauer@donnelly.senate.gov
- Alabama (Doug Jones): <u>katie_campbell@jones.senate.gov</u>, <u>cissy_jackson@jones.senate.gov</u>
- North Dakota (Heidi Heitkamp): megan_descamps@heitkamp.senate.gov, liam_forsythe@heitkamp.senate.gov,
- West Virginia (Joe Manchin): katherine_cassling@manchin.senate.gov, allison_mcneill@manchin.senate.gov
- Nevada (Dean Heller): <u>rachel_green@heller.senate.gov</u>, sarah_paul@heller.senate.gov