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Calling All Resisters!

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It appears that the Senate may not have enough votes to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court! But let's not count votes until they are cast. Keep up the pressure, especially on Sen. Flake who is said to be hesitant about confirming and he is on the judiciary committee! And also contact Jon Kyl. He probably is a "yes" vote but he needs to hear from us.

Here's how: keep the phones ringing off the wall.

- Flake is 202 224 4521.
- Kyl is 202 224 2235

Another opportunity: The Unitarian Universalist Association is sending a delegation to the U.S. Senate tomorrow (Thursday) and will carry letters, texts, e-mails with them! If you want to participate in this and get your message hand-delivered, click on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOk3gSA19iod-ZuCO4DhUc7kUIT6g2u1_25O3U1oBi5s4fDA/viewform and add your name to the growing list. (Even if you are not a UU, your letter would be welcome)!

OR... just use Resistbot

Click on the "messages" icon on your i-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right-hand corner. You will get a "To: " screen. Put in 504-09 and then in the message type "resist." They will respond and ask for your zip code or address and what you want to do. This is a free

service. You can then type out the text of a letter (which they fax to the person) or make a phone call.

After you have sent several, it will ask you which of the various people you want it sent to. At first, it just sends to all three, later it will add state-level elected officials, too. You get more services after you've used it awhile!

Sen. Jeff Flake

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e-mail: <https://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-jeff>
- **Arizona Office - *Senator Flake* - Phoenix AZ Office: (602)-840-1891**
2200 East Camelback Road Suite 120 Phoenix, AZ 85016. **Tucson Office** 6840 North Oracle Road Suite 150 Tucson, AZ 85704 P: 520-575-8633

Sen. Jon Kyl's Office, Washington. G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2235

What to say? Express your own outrage, speak from your heart. Here are some of the multitude of reasons not to put Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court.

- **His positions on women's reproductive rights are far outside the mainstream and would set back women's rights decades or more.**
- **The allegations against him regarding sexual crimes are credible and would produce a resignation from almost any CEO or public official in any other context. He should withdraw!**
- **Without a serious investigation that would clear his name regarding the sexual crimes, he must NOT be put on the Supreme Court.**
- **There is credible evidence he lied to Congress this year and in 2004. In 2004 he said he had no idea that emails he was regularly getting from an informant were being stolen from the Democrats, even though there were numerous reports about the stolen emails at the time.**

- The U.S. Supreme Court is about the only public institution at the federal level that retains much of any public confidence! To put someone on it who has these sorts of accusations against him – that were NOT investigated – would seriously reduce public confidence in the Court.
- DJT himself is under investigation and should not be allowed to appoint someone to the Supreme Court who would be in a position to rule on issues regarding the President being prosecuted for crimes.
- The Republicans “stole” an appointment from Obama that almost certainly should be considered unconstitutional as it is the President’s duty to nominate and the Senate’s duty to vote on those nominations. Nowhere in the Constitution does it imply that the Senate can simply block nominations by not voting until the next election. DJT should not be allowed to make a nomination until the person nominated by President Obama – Merrick Garland – is nominated and a vote is held on his nomination.
- Public confidence in Congress is already at an all-time low and will sink even lower if the Republicans push through the appointment of a man with this many reason NOT to confirm.

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