**Prioritize the Needs of the American People, Not the Confirmation of Extreme Lifetime Judges**

The American people sent a clear message in the 2026 midterm elections: They want their elected leaders to address the affordability crisis, hold corrupt politicians accountable, protect civil rights, and put the needs of working families ahead of the wealthy and powerful. With just weeks remaining in the year, the Senate should be focused on responding to these concerns — not rushing to confirm extreme judicial nominees.

Americans are struggling with the rising costs of groceries, housing, health care, gas, and other basic necessities. Confirming more judges will not readily address the issues of most concern right now: lowering costs, making life more affordable, or addressing the urgent challenges facing our communities. Instead, advancing nominees who favor corporations over workers, the wealthy over everyday Americans, and a partisan political agenda over the rule of law threatens to make these challenges even worse.

At the beginning of last year, many of our organizations called on senators to only support judicial nominees who are fair-minded, independent, and committed to protecting civil and human rights and delivering equal justice for all. Instead, the president has sought to fill our courts with loyalist judges who will advance his extreme agenda and put the interests of the powerful ahead of the rights of everyday Americans. The consequences of these lifetime appointments will be felt long after this presidency, making our lives harder for decades to come..

The Senate must not be complicit in the president's efforts to turn the federal judiciary into an instrument of his political agenda. We urge senators to reject any effort to rush through additional lifetime judicial confirmations in the remaining weeks of 2026 and instead prioritize meaningful action to lower costs, hold powerful interests accountable, and improve the lives of the American people.

Signed,

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