

March 23, 2017

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Angus S. King
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RE: Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch

Dear Senators Collins and King,

The undersigned Maine attorneys respectfully request that you support the confirmation of Judge Neil M. Gorsuch as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Our practices are varied by geography, practice area, size of firm, and type of clients we represent. We also hold a diverse set of political views. Nonetheless, we agree that Judge Gorsuch is exceptionally well qualified to join the Supreme Court.

As members of the Maine legal community, we have an interest in the nomination of Judge Gorsuch. While most of us will never have the opportunity to appear before the United States Supreme Court, each of us has a strong interest in supporting the confirmation of highly qualified jurists who will maintain the Supreme Court's commitment to the rule of law. The precedents established by the Supreme Court affect each of us and the fellow Mainers whom we serve as our clients.

As you have surely found during the nomination process, Judge Gorsuch is eminently qualified to serve as Associate Justice. His qualifications were recently confirmed by the American Bar Association, which rated him as "well qualified," its highest rating. Judge Gorsuch's judicial record demonstrates his remarkable intelligence, his keen ability to discern and resolve the central issues at dispute in a legal proceeding, his notably clear and concise writing style, and his dedication to the rule of law rather than personal predilections. His judicial record also confirms that he is committed to upholding the Constitution, enforcing the statutes enacted by Congress, and restraining overreach by the Executive Branch. He voted with the majority in 98 percent of the cases he heard on the Tenth Circuit, and was frequently joined by judges appointed by Democratic Presidents. Seven of his opinions have been affirmed by the Supreme Court – four unanimously – and none reversed.

In sum, during his tenure on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Judge Gorsuch distinguished himself as a judge who follows the law with no regard for politics or outside influence. We could not ask for more in an Associate Justice and we ask for your strong support of him and vote of confirmation.

Sincerely,

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