



September 24, 2020

Dear Senator:

The undersigned Latino organizations respectfully urge you to oppose consideration of any nomination to fill the new vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court until after the American people have spoken in the upcoming election and the leaders they choose have taken office.

As you well know, the nine justices of the Supreme Court have a unique and powerful role in our constitutional system of checks and balances and as interpreters of the rights and liberties enjoyed by all Americans. Our democratic constitution ensures that the majority is well-protected in the electoral system, but often the only resort for minorities' rights is the U.S. Supreme Court. The decisions that the Court renders are the final words on the rights of all Americans, including on issues critical to the Latino community like health care, reproductive rights, immigration, voting rights, LGBTQ equality, and the environment.

That is why it is so important that the process to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court not be rushed for reasons of political expediency. People in various states have already begun to cast their ballots in one of our most important exercises of democracy. That process must not be cut short.

Over the last decade our nation's Latino population has grown to become an even more important voice and strong constituency in the struggle for equality. Our desires for a good home, healthy family, education, and a better way of life are desires shared by all Americans. We have come far to achieve the rights and freedoms we have and still have far to go. In the near future, the Supreme Court will hear cases that will determine whether millions of Latinos can continue to afford health care, whether Latinos will be fully counted by the census, whether Latinas will have access to reproductive health services, and so much more.

With so much at stake, it is imperative that you protect the integrity and solemn role that the U.S. Supreme Court plays in our democracy by refusing to consider any nomination made before Inauguration Day 2021.

Sincerely,

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MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)
Farmworker Justice
Hispanic Federation
Justice for Migrant Women
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Latinos for a Fair Judiciary
Latinos Unidos Nevada
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
MANA, A National Latina Organization
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UnidosUS
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