

## **STATEMENTS & LETTERS TO THE SENATE: FILLING THE SCALIA SUPREME COURT VACANCY**

[17 National Environmental Groups \(including Defenders of Wildlife\) CEOs' Letter to Sens. McConnell & Reid on Filling the Supreme Court Vacancy](#) (03/08/16)

[Defenders of Wildlife and others signed letter from 82 Organizations Condemning GOP Judiciary Committee Members' Unprecedented Obstruction on SCOTUS Vacancy and Urging Them to Uphold the Constitution](#) (02/26/16)

[Letter from retired Chief Judges of the D.C. and Third Circuits, Hon. Patricia M. Wald and Hon. John J. Gibbons](#) (3/10/2016)

**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** (Lawyers' Committee) submitted a [letter](#) to Senator Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in response to the senator's stated refusal to consider any nominee put forth by President Barack Obama to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States. The letter was accompanied by a [report](#) that draws from legal and historical precedents regarding Supreme Court vacancies and concludes that the Senate should carry out its constitutional responsibility, given the critical role of the Supreme Court in our democracy, and that a refusal to consider a nominee under these circumstances is unprecedented. A link to the letter can be found [here](#). A link to the report can be found [here](#).

Letter from over 250 business lawyers, [March 9, 2016](#)

Letter from 40 of the nation's most preeminent Latino advocacy organizations, [March 9, 2016](#)

Historians including Doris Kearns Goodwin, Thomas E. Mann, and Norm Ornstein, [March 3, 2016](#)

Letter from 21 State Attorneys General, [March 9, 2016](#)

Letter from 350 law professors and legal scholars, [March 8, 2016](#)

Former Federal Prosecutors, [February 23, 2016](#)

"Attorney General Kamala D. Harris and 20 Attorneys General Sign Letter to Majority Leader McConnell and Senator Reid Urging the U.S. Senate to Act Promptly to Fill Supreme Court Vacancy" by [Attorney General Kamala Harris \(D-CA\)](#)

"National Diverse Bar Associations Urge Senate to Hold Hearing and Vote on Supreme Court Nominee" by [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association](#)

"Filling the Vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States" by [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association](#)

"Rep. Ruben Gallego/AZ Leaders Call on Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake To Do Their Job and Fill Supreme Court Vacancy This Year" by [Mi Familia Vota](#)

"Civil and Human Rights Coalition Calls for Senate Judiciary Committee to Actually Conduct Business during 'Executive Business Meeting'" by [The Leadership Conference on Human and Civil Rights](#)

"SABANY Calls on Senate to Fulfill Constitutional Responsibility on Supreme Court Nomination" by [South Asian Bar Association of New York](#)

"NASW Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Nomination" by [National Association of Social Workers](#)

"Senators Must Do Their Jobs" by [Common Cause](#)

[Letter from 23 organizations serving the Asian-American and Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) communities to Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on filling the Supreme Court vacancy \(02/25/2016\)](#)

[National Asian Pacific American Bar Association \(NAPABA\) letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy, Re: Filling the Vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States\(02/26/2016\)](#)

[NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. \(LDF\) letter \(03/02/2016\)](#) [requesting the Senate Judiciary Committee faithfully carry out its constitutional duty by holding a hearing for any Supreme Court nominees presented by President Barack Obama, and urging the Committee to move expeditiously on the numerous pending nominations for the lower federal courts, including that of Judge Abdul K. Kallon to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.]

[HNBA Statement on Passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Hispanic National Bar Association, \(02/13/2016\)](#) [“We now undertake the important work of identifying and endorsing candidates to fill his seat on the U.S. Supreme Court from among a pool of diverse and talented legal professionals. We look forward to working with the White House and Congress to ensure that this process is completed expeditiously for the good of our system of justice.”]

[CAPAC Chair Statement on Supreme Court Vacancy](#), Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Feb 16, 2016

[Faith Groups Call for Senate Action to Fill Supreme Court Seat](#)

[Reform Movement Urges Swift Action by Senate on Supreme Court Vacancy](#)

[Wall Street Journal: Corporate Lawyers Sign Letter Warning of Impact of Empty SCOTUS Seat](#) By Jacob Gershman

Statement of Corporate Lawyers, General Counsels and Other Legal Practitioners Regarding U.S. Supreme Court Vacancy by [Corporate Lawyers, General Counsels and Other Legal Practitioners](#)

[Iowa AG joins others in calling for Senate hearings](#), DesMoinesRegister.com March 10, 2016 [Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Democratic colleagues from 18 other states have sent a letter to U.S. Senate leaders urging them to hold Supreme Court nomination hearings.]

National Diverse Bar Associations Urge Senate to Hold Hearing and Vote on Supreme Court Nominee Download: [Press Release](#) Download: [Letter to Senators Grassley and Leahy](#) [Today, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), the National LGBT Bar Association (National LGBT Bar), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) — representatives of diverse bar associations — submitted a joint letter to Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Patrick Leahy (D-VT) strongly urging the Senate to uphold its Constitutional duty by holding a fair hearing and timely vote on any Supreme Court nominee.]

Open Letter to the President and Senate From California Bar Associations Regarding Filling the Vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States” by [California Employment Lawyers Association](#)

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