

## Activists Opposing Extreme Judges Converge in D.C.

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Several advocacy groups, including the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, hosted October 14's "Lobby Day on Judges" in Washington, D.C., in order to bring together advocates who oppose the controversial judicial nominations of judges such as Charles W. Pickering, Janice Rogers Brown, and William Myers.

Activists from various civil rights, workers' rights, women's rights, and environmental protection organizations joined forces to oppose an ideological reshaping of the courts. The event was sponsored by the Sierra Club, Earthjustice, Planned Parenthood, People For the American Way, Alliance for Justice, and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR).

"The lobby day could not have come at a better time," said Ellen Buchman, director of field operations for LCCR. "As the administration continues to ramp up its efforts to pack the courts with extremist judges, it is critical that the voices of millions of Americans be heard in opposition to this effort."

Training sessions on October 12 and 13 covered grassroots organizing, lobbying, and working with the media. On October 14, activists from all over the country put their lobby training to use by visiting Senate offices on Capitol Hill.

Participants from many states – including California, Louisiana, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Montana, South Dakota, Rhode Island, and New Mexico – were involved.

"This lobby day marked one of many highly successful efforts to join forces in opposition to extreme judges," Buchman said.