

## **Comments to 'Nominations staredown in the Senate' piece**

**By Earthjustice's Glenn Sugameli**

My October 8, 2007 Op-ed in The Politico documented how the records of President George W. Bush's pending appellate nominees and the way in which they were chosen demonstrates that they were selected BECAUSE they would not be confirmed.

This creates artificial vacancies to inflame Bush's narrow right-wing base. These include 9 appellate nominees from seven states where Bush has needlessly antagonized Republican and Democratic home-state Senators who have recommended conservative, confirmable Republicans, including Bush district judges. See my Feb. 7th op-ed length letter in The Hill for updated details.

For a review of Bush nominees including how major new developments regarding Bush's torture policies focus on Jay Bybee and William J. Haynes, two of his nominees for lifetime seats on federal appeals courts, see my Feb. 29 Guest Blog in ACSBlog.

Too many of President Bush's nominees have supported judicially rewriting the Constitution to deny citizen access to courts; to deprive Congress the ability to protect civil rights, workers, health, safety, consumers, and the environment; and to require unlimited payments from taxpayers to companies and developers that comply with the law, under a view that even Justice Scalia admits was never intended by the Founders.

Senators must Just Say No and insist they will only confirm nominees who are competent, fair and independent, and who demonstrate that they will uphold and enforce our Constitution and laws.

See Earthjustice's Judging the Environment website for comprehensive links.

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