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*Leaders for the Nomination of  
Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court*

June 29, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20006

*Re: The Nomination of the Next Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States*

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for nominating Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States. His record thus far is a great indicator that he will be a blessing to this nation and to your legacy for decades to come.

The retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy provides you with the historic opportunity to place a fifth constitutionalist on the Supreme Court and to secure a constitutional majority for the first time in decades. Accordingly, we believe that your nomination of the next Supreme Court Justice is one of the most important decisions of your presidency.

Therefore, we prayerfully, strongly, and humbly implore you to select the nominee with a demonstrably constitutional judicial philosophy and a verifiably strong will against political pressure. Moreover, we encourage you to reject any nominee who is merely “good,” but to nominate only the best.

It is our conviction that the best nominee on your list of 25 prospects is Judge Amy Coney Barrett. You are well aware of her record, but below are just some of the reasons why we believe she is by far your best prospective nominee to the Supreme Court:

- 1) **Judge Barrett is not a Stealth Nominee.** Her judicial philosophy is well known from her many academic writings, so she would not be a dreaded stealth nominee who would provoke conservative opposition. If the present Senate is unwilling to confirm the best nominee, then the seat can remain vacant during the election, and the people will elect a Senate who will confirm the best nominee. It is better to have a vacancy until next year than to fill the seat with a weak nominee who will betray your legacy and the constitution for the next forty years.

- 2) **Judge Barrett has a Constitutionalist Judicial Philosophy.** She has consistently held to the constitutionally essential view that judges should never legislate their personal views from the bench. Again, the attached research is a compelling testament to her constitutional judicial philosophy.
- 3) **Judge Barrett has a Prestigious Resume.** As a former clerk who worked at the Supreme Court for Justice Scalia and as a Notre Dame law professor, Barrett has the necessary training, knowledge, and philosophy to serve on the Supreme Court.
- 4) **Judge Barrett has more Judicial Experience than Elena Kagan.** Judge Barrett already has more judicial experience than Elena Kagan had when she was nominated to the Supreme Court, so any liberal opponents will be unable to claim that Barrett needs more judicial experience.
- 5) **Judge Barrett is Tested.** Barrett was rigorously tested during her hearing last year before the Senate Judiciary Committee. This hearing not only endeared her to constitutionalists and religious conservatives but revealed the strategy of her opponents to attack her religious faith. The opposition was handled brilliantly by Senate leadership who used the attacks to expose her opponents as intolerant, tone-deaf, religious bigots.
- 6) **Judge Barrett is Confirmable.** She was confirmed with 55 bi-partisan votes, one more vote than Justice Gorsuch received. The stakes are certainly higher with a Supreme Court Justice, but her vote would go before all but one of the same Senators who just voted for her confirmation. She could literally lose five votes (e.g., two Republicans and three Democrats) and still be confirmed to the Supreme Court.
- 7) **Judge Barrett has a Compelling Personal Story that Pre-empts the Liberal Playbook.** Liberals had a miserable time using their tired playbook of attacks against Barrett's last confirmation because she has a compelling and compassionate life story. She and her husband have seven children, one with special needs. Several were adopted from Haiti. Attempts to label her an "uncompassionate bigot" will fail.
- 8) **Judge Barrett Represents a Known Quantity.** Because she was just confirmed, we know that constitutionalists and conservatives backed her; we know the Senate leadership fought for her confirmation with press conferences, floor speeches, and the final vote. In addition, her opponents have already revealed their strategies to stop her nomination.

President Trump, you have the historic opportunity to reverse a 50-year trend and bring a constitutional renaissance to the Supreme Court, the entire federal judiciary and, hence, the Nation. No president has ever accomplished this feat. Accordingly, your nomination of the next Supreme Court Justice may be the most important decision of your presidency and will define your legacy for generations to come.

For the above reasons, it is our firm conviction that Judge Amy Coney Barrett is the best Supreme Court nominee for this defining moment in history, and we commend you for placing her on your list of prospects. Therefore, we respectfully and unreservedly recommend that you nominate her to the United States Supreme Court.

We pray for you without ceasing and pledge to work tirelessly for Judge Barrett's historic confirmation to the United States Supreme Court.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Wildmon".

Tim Wildmon  
American Family Association, President

Terry Schilling  
American Principles Project, Executive Director

Phillip L. Jauregui  
Judicial Action Group, President

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