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Goodlatte & Gowdy to Appear on “Special Report with Bret Baier”

Washington, D.C. Tonight at 6:00pm, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) will appear on Fox News' program “[Special Report with Bret Baier](#)” to discuss the Office of the Inspector General Report on “A Review of Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in Advance of the 2016 Election.”



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Fox News – FBI Director Christopher Wray Delivers Remarks On IG Report

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FBI DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER WRAY: good morning, everybody. thanks for being here on such short notice. as you all know for the justice department's offer of the inspector general issued its report today about doj and fbi activity in the run-up to the 2016 election. let me say up front that i appreciate the inspector general's work on the review. i want to take a few minutes to talk about the report, and i'm happy to take a few questions. the fbi's mission is to protect the american people and uphold the constitution. to carry out that message, we are entrusted with a lot of authority, so our actions are subject to close oversight, from the courts, our elected leaders, and independent entities like the inspector general. that's how it should be. that kind of examination, that kind of oversight makes the fbi stronger as an organization and makes the public more safe. mind, let me briefly address the findings in the inspector general's report. i take this report very seriously, and we accept its findings and recommendations. it's also important to note what the inspector general did not find. this report did not find any evidence of political bias or improper considerations actually impacting the investigation under review. the report does identify errors of judgment, violations of or even disregard for policy and decisions that at the very least, with the benefit of hindsight, were not the best choices. we've already started taking the necessary steps to address those issues. first, we are going to hold employees accountable for any potential misconduct. we have already referred conduct highlighted in the report to our disciplinary arm, opr, the fda's independent office of professional responsibility. we need to hold ourselves accountable for the choices we make and the work we do. we are doing that fairly but without delay in a way that people should expect. we are going to adhere to the appropriate disciplinary process, and once that process is complete, we won't hesitate to hold people accountable for their actions. second. we are going to make sure that every fbi employee understands the lessons of this report.

because change starts at the top, starts with me, we're going to require all of our senior executives from all around the world to convene for in-depth training specifically focused on learning the lessons that we report. then we are going to train every single fbi employee, both new hires and veterans alike, on what went wrong so these mistakes will never be repeated. third, we're going to make sure we have the policies, procedures and the training that are needed for everyone to understand and remember what is expected of all of us. that includes drilling home the importance of the objectivity, of avoiding even the appearance of personal conflicts or political bias in our work. ensuring that refusals are handled correctly and effectively and communicated to all the right people. making all of our employees fully aware of our new policy on media contacts, which i issued last november, and making painfully clear that we will not tolerate noncompliance. ensuring that we follow all doj policies on public statements about uncharged conduct or ongoing investigations. and ensuring that our employees adhere strictly to all policies and procedures about the use of fbi systems, networks, and devices. i am also directing our associate deputy director to lead a review of how the fbi handles sensitive investigations. to make recommendations on how those should be staffed, structured, and supervised in the future so that every sensitive investigation is conducted to the fbi's highest standards. we are going to continue also to work with the department to gauge our progress in each of these areas. the report makes clear we have work to do. but let's also be clear on the scope of report. it's focused on a specific set of events in 2016 and a small number of fbi employees connected to those events.

nothing, nothing in this report impugns the integrity of our workforce as a whole or the fbi as an institution. as i said earlier, fair and independent scrutiny is welcomed and appropriate accountability is crucial.

we are going to learn from this report, and we are going to be better and stronger as a result. but i also want to be crystal clear about the fbi that i get to see. in the past ten months, i have been able to visit over 30 of our fbi field offices around the country and a whole bunch of offices overseas. i have visited with folks from every fbi division at headquarters and in an office after office, meeting after meeting, i see extraordinary people doing extraordinary work. again and again, i hear remarkable stories, frankly inspiring stories about the work the men and women of the fbi are doing to protect the american people and uphold the constitution. just in the past several months, we have disrupted terrorist attacks in places ranging from the fisherman's wharf in san francisco to a crowded shopping mall in miami. in march, we charged a ring of iranian state-sponsored hackers with stealing terabyte of data from scores of american companies, universities, and government agencies. in austin, we deployed more than 600 of our people to assist in the package bomb we found down there. this year alone, we have rescued 1,305 kids from childharm as young as seven months old. we have arrested more than 4600 gang members, violent gang members, just the past several months. our fbi lab has closed thousands of cases through fingerprint analysis and dna analysis. and our hostage rescue team has deployed something like 27 different times on missions around the country. i could go on and on. the fbi's men and women are doing all that work with the unfailing fidelity to the constitution and the laws that it demands, the bravery that it calls for, and the integrity of the american people rightly expect. as fbi director, i am laser focused on ensuring that our folks get to continue that great work and do it with the fidelity and bravery and integrity that we have always had. as i have been saying since, as far back as my confirmation hearing, i am a huge believer in the importance of process, of doing this job by the book in every respect, and i expect all our employees to do the same. i've tried to emphasize that at every opportunity. in my view, the fbi's brand over the past 110 years is based less on all of our many, many successes that it is on the way in which we have earned those successes. following our rules, following the law, following our guidelines, staying faithful to our core values and our best traditions, trying to make sure we are doing the right thing but to do it in the right way, treating everybody with respect, and following the facts independently and objectively no matter who likes it. that is the best way, that in my view is the only way to maintain trust and credibility with the people we i appreciate this chance to respond to the ig's report, and i would also refer you for more detail in our written response that is attached at the end of the inspector general's report. with that, i'm happy to take a few questions.

REPORTER: singled out in the report, what are you referring to?

DIRECTOR WRAY: i can't comment on any specific personnel matter. i would say there are a number of instances when there is conduct highlighted. we have had it referred to tory disciplinary arm, opr. there is a process for that, it's a rigorous process. we expect the process to be followed and once it's complete, we won't hesitate hold people accountable.

REPORTER: it does say director comey, lisa page, peter strzok used personal emails but only peter strzok is being referred to an investigation in violation of policy. is that investigation ongoing and are there any individuals besides peter strzok were being investigated internally?

DIRECTOR WRAY: again, i'm not going to talk about any particular personnel matter because i don't think that would be appropriate. as i said in the beginning, i am committed to doing the right thing in the right way and by the book. by the book doesn't include pending personnel matters with all of you, much as you might like it.

REPORTER: you said there is nothing in their report -- the report says there's a culture of leaking at the fbi. do you disagree with that finding? what do you plan to do about it?

DIRECTOR WRAY: we accept the findings of the report on the recommendations. we are doing a number of things on that regard. first we issued ater and much more clear than what had been in place before. second, we are going to be doing intensive training on exactly those issues, things like the one that you alluded to that includes contacts with the media. we are going to make

painfully clear to everybody that won't tolerate noncompliance. last, i have asked our opr to take a hard look at whether or not they think the penalties that exist right now are sufficient to deal with that kind of conduct.

REPORTER: i want to ask you about the repetition of the fbi. the fbi has taken a lot of hits from the president, his tweets. certain things he said about the investigation, members of congress have certainly hit at you guys. and now this report takes some issues with the fbi. a lot of what we've been hearing is that people are worried that the reputation of the fbi has suffered as a result of the activity in the last several months. i'm wondering if you think that's the case and if so, what you intend to do to try to fix some of the perception perhaps the public may have of the fbi now.

DIRECTOR WRAY: that's a subject that is near and dear to me. i guess i would say couplings. one is there's no shortage of opinions about us out there. i will tell you that the opinions i care the most about are the opinions of the people who know us and know us through our work. i am focused on what a judge thinks when we give them a search warrant. i am focused on what victims and their families think when they are asked, would you trust to get your child back? i am focused on what do our state and local law enforcement partners think when they think, who do they trust? who do prosecutors want to work with on cases? to me, it is the work that matters. if i look at things like that, i look at how our recruiting and our retention. our recruiting, we get about 12000-plus people trying to be special agents every year. our admission rate, selection rate, 5%. that's better than the admission rate at harvard, yale, princeton, or stanford. it's not a fluke. we recently hired a whole new group of honors interns. young people coming out of college with lots of choices about what they want to do with. we have the highest number of applicants we've ever had for our honors intern program. you want to know what that admission rate was? 5%. if i look at things like that, i look at people come or they think when they know us and how they review, respond to our actions? our attrition rate is 0.8%. in my view, the views that matter, the opinions that matter, are the views of people who know us through our work. when i go around the country and around the world and i talk to our partners and i talk to the victims i've talked to people who know us, our brand is doing just fine there. thank you.

REPORTER: when you read this report, some of your reaction from having read it, in one word. what is that word and how would you describe your emotional reaction to it?

DIRECTOR WRAY: disappointed.

REPORTER: why disappointed? This

[MISSING TRANSCRIPT]

REPORTER: some people are going to use this report to criticize them you learn investigation. what's your view of the mueller investigation? criticizing you by sharing documents.

DIRECTOR WRAY: on the first point, i'm not going to sleep for there are a number of things we have done both in terms of referring people to opr but also in terms of reassigning people to try to ensure that we are bringing the right kind of integrity to staffing in all sense of the investigation. as to the congressional question, my view is we have an obligation to be responsive to legitimate congressional oversight. that's part of our job, as i said. we are entrusted with the enormous power and we should expect were going to get tough questions and we need to be responsive and cooperate with that, but we also have an obligation to protect sources and methods are not compromised ongoing criminal investigations to adhere to things like grand jury secrecy, things like that. so the challenge is, how do we make sure we do both? we are committed to trying to do both and i think we have struck the right balance so far.

REPORTER: specifically about the president's criticism of the fbi. he has attacked the fbi. do you think the doj, ig report, validates the criticism?

DIRECTOR WRAY: i'm not going to comment on any other person's opinions, no matter where they are communicated. what i am going to do is talk about the opinions that i think matter. the opinions to me that matter are the opinions of the people that are relevant to our work day in and day out all cross-country. we have 37,000 fbi employees, agents, staff. scores of task force officers that work with them. every day, every day all around this country and around the world, those people are having to make important decisions that protect lives. the opinions of the people that they have to engage with on that work, those are the opinions that matter to me. that's what i'm focused on. as far as the report goes, there is some sobering learn those lessons and act on those lessons, that's the way the fbi has always handled these things in the past and that's what made the fbi strong over the last 110 years.

REPORTER: congress acting in good faith and their oversight efforts, given that the fbi has disagreed with some of the characterizations of meaning some things that have come out.

DIRECTOR WRAY: congress has a job to do and we have a job to do. together we are trying to work through the various issues are presented by the tensions between congressional oversight and as i said earlier, protection of sources, methods, tradecraft, investigations. we are committed to trying to work through those things with congress.

AIDE: one more question.

REPORTER: identify the people involved who have been referred to opr, but can you tell us how many have been referred to opr as a result of this report?

DIRECTOR WRAY: i can't. that's not a topic i can comment on. i really want to be careful. i know why you're asking the question and i respect that but it's really important to me to make sure that we don't compound the mistakes found in this report by deviating from our process. i think it's very important that we respect the appropriate process, that it be done right, as i said earlier, by the book. once that process is complete, we will not hesitate to hold people accountable.

REPORTER: what are the lessons?

DIRECTOR WRAY: the importance of trying to ensure we avoid even the appearance of bias in all of our work, that objectivity and the appearance of objectivity matters. there's lessons in there about contacts with the media and appropriate engagement with all of you. there's lessons in there about the appropriate uses of devices. there's a number of things, and the ig has nine recommendations at the end, and i think those of the lessons we are trying to learn from this report. we take it seriously, we accept the findings and the recommendations.

AIDE: thank you very much.

DIRECTOR WRAY: thank you.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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The United States Department of Justice



MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

WTAS: PLACE TO WORSHIP INITIATIVE

The Department of Justice announced June 13th the “Place to Worship Initiative,” which will focus on protecting the ability of houses of worship and other religious institutions to build, expand, buy, or rent facilities—as provided by the land use provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).

"Promise made, promise kept." [Fox News](#) segment highlights the steps the DOJ and Trump Administration have taken in recent religious based cases.

“No city should use its zoning laws to engage in religious discrimination. Unfortunately, in the 18 years since Congress passed RLUIPA, local governments

have done just that, blatantly disregarding the law. For that reason, we commend the Department of Justice and the Trump administration for placing a much needed focus on the freedoms churches and other religious groups have under this federal law," [said ADF Senior Counsel Erik Stanley, Director of the ADF Center for Christian Ministries](#).

"We applaud the Department of Justice and President Trump for erecting another bulwark of protection around America's First Freedom – religious freedom. This is an administration that is fully committed to defending the freedom of all Americans to believe and live according to those beliefs," [said Family Research Council President Tony Perkins in a statement](#).

"Agudath Israel of America, a national Orthodox Jewish organization, welcomes today's announcement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions regarding the [Place to Worship Initiative](#). We also greet with enthusiasm the Department's announcement that it has filed a lawsuit today against the Borough of Woodcliff Lake," [said Agudath Israel of America](#).

"We commend Attorney General Sessions along with the entire Trump Administration for once again demonstrating they prioritize religious freedom in America. The new "Place to Worship Initiative" announced (Wednesday) by the Department of Justice rightly acknowledges our cherished Constitutional right to associate and worship in public together. In many ways this freedom represents the foundation of the church in America and it therefore must be preserved and protected at all cost," [said Dr. James Dobson and Dr. Tim Clinton of the James Dobson Family Institute \(JDFI\)](#).

"The Place to Worship Initiative is a positive action from the Department of Justice and the Trump administration which will hold the government accountable to treating houses of worship as favorably as nonreligious assemblies," [said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel](#).

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Subject: RE: Inquiry from Tucker Carlson Tonight about employee that harassed Sec. Nielsen

I'm having someone look at this now. Also, have anything else we should look at as part of this? What else do you have as far as commenting on DOJ cases? And anything that identifies this person as a DOJ employee?

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This employee is using her personal twitter to discuss DOJ cases, which is a violation of our social media policy. I'd like to report this to the appropriate person.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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> On Jun 20, 2018, at 4:02 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex (b) (6) wrote:

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> Hey Devin (b) (6), was one of several people who harassed Secretary Kristjen Nielsen at dinner last night.

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> Her politics aren't just outside of work. She tweets (b) (6)

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> You can check her Twitter account (b) (6)

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> Is this acceptable behavior by a DOJ employee?

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> Thanks,

> Alex Pfeiffer

> Associate Producer

> Tucker Carlson Tonight

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**2018 DOJ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month
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The Department will hold its annual LGBT Pride Month Observance Program from ***1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2018, in the DOJ Conference Center (Room 7411), Robert F. Kennedy Main Justice Building.*** All employees in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area are invited to attend. The program will be broadcast live on the Justice Television Network.

The theme for this year's DOJ LGBT Pride Month is "Reflections of Pride." During this program, DOJ employees will hear special remarks from the Honorable Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General, and the program keynote speaker Guy Benson, Political Editor of Townhall.com and a Fox News Contributor. Mr. Benson co-authored "End of Discussion" in 2015, an updated edition of which was published by Random House in 2017. He is a familiar voice on the nationally-syndicated Hugh Hewitt radio show, which he regularly guest hosts, and contributes to NPR's "All Things Considered." John Elias, Acting Chief of Staff, Antitrust Division, and Former Chair, DOJ Pride, will provide welcoming remarks.

For additional information, please contact Granette Trent, Assistant Director for Affirmative Employment, Equal Employment Opportunity Staff, Justice Management Division, via email (b) (6). To request assistive listening devices or reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Trent (b) (6) or via email at (b) (6).

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1. 2018 DOJ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month Program – *June 26th*
2. OARM Career Information Fair – *July 19th*
3. Reminders:
 - Eliminate use of SSNs on employee reimbursements in UFMS
4. Training:
 - CourtLink Docket Searching, Part 2– *June 27th*
 - Westlaw and Lexis Training Hours
 - Training: Basic Legal Research Using Lexis Advance – *June 27th*
 - Training: Secondary Sources on Westlaw – *August 14th*

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OARM Career Information Fair – July 19, 2018

The Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management (OARM) will host its annual Career Information Fair for all Legal Interns from ***1:30 - 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2018, in the Great Hall of the RFK Main Justice Building***. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the many legal opportunities available at the Department of Justice, including the Attorney General's Honors Program (HP), Summer Law Intern Program (SLIP), and Volunteer Legal Intern Program (VLIP). There is no interviewing at the fair. Rather, attendees are encouraged to visit with representatives at the various information tables to learn more about their respective components.

Interns who have a DOJ ID should enter the RFK Main Justice Building 950 Constitution Ave., N.W. You should plan to arrive a few minutes early and carry as little as possible with you to avoid additional delays going through security. If you have any questions, the OARM contact is Kim Person who can be reached (b) (6) (b) (6).

Reminder: Eliminate use of SSNs on employee reimbursements in UFMS

Employees in the OBDs who use the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS) should stop using Social Security Numbers on forms for employee reimbursements. Instead, they should use the UFMS vendor code. This will apply to travel authorizations and vouchers for relocations, and the OF-1164, which is to claim reimbursements for expenses while on official business.

For more information on this change, see the Financial Management Information Bulletin here: <https://dojnet.doj.gov/jmd/fs/docs/1814-Eliminate-SSNs.pdf>

Questions should be addressed to FinancialPolicy-JMD@jmd.usdoj.gov

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Training: CourtLink Docket Searching, Part 2– June 27, 2018

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The Legal Research Series is a set of seven courses whose goal is to provide research skills in order to effectively and efficiently undertake federal legal research. **Registration is now open for both in-person and online summer sessions.** To register for some or all of the courses, please visit the [Legal Research Series](#) webpage. Contact [Robin Foltz](#) (b) (6) for more information.

Available classes include:

- ***Introduction to Legal Research***
- ***Finding Databases and Structuring Searches***
- ***Headnotes, Key Numbers, Shepard's, and KeyCite***
- ***Learn About Legislative History***
- ***Administrative Law***
- ***CourtLink Docket Searching, Part 1***
- ***CourtLink Docket Searching, Part 2***

Westlaw and Lexis Training Hours

Every month, the [Patrick Henry Library](#) hosts representatives from Westlaw and Lexis to provide an in-depth look into product features. No registration is required.

- ***Westlaw: Legislative History Resources***, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, [Patrick Henry Library](#), Rm. 10200
- ***Lexis: Company Research***, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 12, [Patrick Henry Library](#), Rm. 10200

Training: Basic Legal Research Using Lexis Advance – June 27, 2018

Contact [Mariana Long](#), Library Staf (b) (6), to see if CLE credit is still available.

Learn the basics of legal research using Lexis Advance, including screen layout, retrieving individual documents, selecting sources, searching for documents, viewing documents, LexisNexis Core Terms, LexisNexis Headnotes, searching within your results set, Shepardizing, and printing & downloading. This class will be held **from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, at 1425 NY Ave., Room 9004**. To register, please visit the [Westlaw & Lexis CLE](#) webpage. Contact [Mariana Long](#), Library Staf (b) (6) for more information.

Training: Secondary Sources on Westlaw – August 14, 2018

To receive CLE credit, you must follow the process outlined on the [Westlaw & Lexis CLE](#) page. Bar information deadline for this course is June 29, 2018. *Otherwise, you may not receive CLE Credit for the course.*

Secondary sources are vital legal research tools that can sometimes be the best place to start your research. You can use them to find primary legal authority, as well as persuasive authority in arguments to the court. This course will cover how to access secondary sources on Westlaw like journals, treatises and forms. This class will be held **from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, at the Patrick Henry Library**. To register, please visit the [Westlaw & Lexis CLE](#) webpage. Contact [Mariana Long](#), Library Staf (b) (6) for more information.

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Monday, July 9, 2018

Grassley: Judge Kavanaugh is a Superb Candidate for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R Iowa) tonight made the following comment on President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Judge Kavanaugh is one of the most qualified Supreme Court nominees to come before the Senate. His credentials are well known, and he’s served with distinction as a judge on the esteemed D.C. Circuit for more than a decade. He is a superb mainstream candidate worthy of the Senate’s consideration,” Grassley said.

“As we have always done when reviewing nominees for lifetime-appointed judgeships, the Senate Judiciary Committee will conduct a fair and comprehensive evaluation of the nominee’s background and qualifications followed by hearings where we’ll hear directly from the nominee as we fulfill our advice and consent responsibility.”

Brett Kavanaugh currently serves as judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in Washington. He was confirmed for the judgeship in 2006 after being nominated by President George W. Bush.

Judge Kavanaugh previously served in the White House Counsel’s Office and then as the White House Staff Secretary under President Bush. He also served as Associate Counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel under Ken Starr.

Judge Kavanaugh received a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1987 and then a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 1990. He clerked for two federal appeals court judges and Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. He also worked in private practice in Washington, D.C.



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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Judge Kavanaugh Clerks Laud Nomination to Supreme Court

"Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications to join the Supreme Court are beyond question."

WASHINGTON Following the announcement of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to serve as Associate Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court last night, a group of the judge's former clerks from across the political spectrum roundly endorsed Judge Kavanaugh's nomination.

In their letter, 34 of Judge Kavanaugh's former clerk extolled his character, underscored his dedication to public service and enumerated his substantial qualifications. They described in detail why Judge Kavanaugh is well suited to serve on the Supreme Court based on their own firsthand experience with the nominee spanning many years. They wrote:

"Our ranks include Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. But we are united in this: our admiration and fondness for Judge Kavanaugh run deep. For each of us and this letter is signed by every single one of Judge Kavanaugh's clerks not prohibited by their current or pending employment from signing it was a tremendous stroke of luck to work for and be mentored by a person of his strength of character, generosity of spirit, intellectual capacity, and unwavering care for his family, friends, colleagues, and us, his law clerks."

This afternoon, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley [spoke on the Senate floor](#) about the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, quoting directly from this letter. Grassley also [met with the nominee](#) early today, where the two spoke about the confirmation process and the judge's record and judicial philosophy.

Full text of the [letter](#) to the Chairman and Ranking Member follows.

July 9, 2018

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

Each of us has had the privilege of clerking for Judge Brett Kavanaugh on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We have gone different ways since then; among us are prosecutors, professors, state and federal public officials, and attorneys at private law firms, corporations, and non profits. Our views on politics, on many of the important legal issues faced by the Supreme Court, and on judicial philosophy, are diverse. Our ranks include Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. But we are united in this: our admiration and fondness for Judge Kavanaugh run deep. For each of us — and this letter is signed by every single one of Judge Kavanaugh’s clerks not prohibited by their current or pending employment from signing — it was a tremendous stroke of luck to work for and be mentored by a person of his strength of character, generosity of spirit, intellectual capacity, and unwavering care for his family, friends, colleagues, and us, his law clerks.

Judge Kavanaugh’s qualifications to join the Supreme Court are beyond question. The product of Catholic elementary and high schools in Maryland, he was educated at Yale College and Yale Law School. He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who thereafter became a lifelong mentor for Judge Kavanaugh. He then devoted the vast majority of his legal career to public service, giving up a lucrative partnership at Kirkland & Ellis for a senior White House staff position. Judge Kavanaugh has taught courses at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center on the Supreme Court, constitutional interpretation, and the separation of powers. Finally, and most importantly, for the past twelve years he has served as a judge on the appellate court that most often confronts difficult legal questions akin to those decided by the Supreme Court.

It is in his role as a judge on the D.C. Circuit that we know Judge Kavanaugh best. During his time on the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has come to work every day dedicated to engaging in the hard work of judging. We never once saw him take a shortcut, treat a case as unimportant, or search for an easy answer. Instead, in each case, large or small, he masters every detail and rereads every precedent. He listens carefully to the views of his colleagues and clerks, even — indeed, especially — when they differ from his own. He drafts opinions painstakingly, writing and rewriting until he is satisfied each opinion is clear and well reasoned, and can be understood not only by lawyers but by the parties and the public. We saw time and again that this work ethic flows from a fundamental humility. Judge Kavanaugh never assumes he knows the answers in advance and never takes for granted that his view of the law will prevail.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, Judge Kavanaugh has been a role model to us personally as well as professionally. He is unfailingly warm and gracious with his colleagues no matter how strongly they disagree about a case, and he is well liked and respected by judges and lawyers across the ideological spectrum as a result. He is grounded and kind. Judge Kavanaugh is a dedicated husband and father to two girls, Liza and Margaret, and an enthusiastic coach of both their youth basketball teams. He has a great sense of humor and an easy laugh. (Some of us are funny, most of us are not, and yet he laughs at all our jokes.) Judge Kavanaugh is an avid Nationals fan, and there is no better companion for a beer and a baseball game. And

somehow, he always makes time for us, his law clerks. He makes it to every wedding, answers every career question, and gives unflinchingly honest advice. That advice often boils down to the same habits we saw him practice in chambers every day: Shoot straight, be careful and brave, work as hard as you possibly can, and then work a little harder.

These qualities have made Judge Kavanaugh a wonderful mentor, boss, and friend to all of us. With them, he would ably and conscientiously serve his country as a Supreme Court Justice.

Sincerely,

Amit Agarwal (2006 07)
Philip Alito (2012 13)
John Bash (2006 07)
Zina Bash (2007 08)
Rakim Brooks (2017 18)
Kathryn Cherry (2013 14)
Marguerite Colson (2015 16)
Will Dreher (2013 14)
Gregory Dubinsky (2012 13)
Bridget Fahey (2014 15)
Morgan Goodspeed (2012 13)
Gillian Grossman (2014 15)
Eric Hansford (2011 12)
Zac Hudson (2009 10)
Kim Jackson (2017 18)
Saritha Komatireddy (2009 10)
Clayton Kozinski (2017 18)
Travis Lenkner (2007 08)
Caroline Edsall Littleton (2011 12)
Julia Malkina (2011 12)
Roman Martinez (2008 09)
Jennifer Mascott (2006 07)
Luke McCloud (2013 14)
Christopher Michel (2013 14)
Sarah Pitlyk (2010 11)
Richard Re (2008 09)
Hagan Scotten (2010 11)
Indraneel Sur (2006 07)
Rebecca Taibleson (2010 11)
Caroline Van Zile (2012 13)
Justin Walker (2010 11)
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Porter Wilkinson (2007 08)
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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Grassley: Judge Kavanaugh a Respected Jurist

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R Iowa) today met D.C. Circuit Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump’s nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the meeting, Chairman Grassley congratulated Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and discussed the general process going forward as the Senate prepares to review his record. Judge Kavanaugh also discussed his steadfast application of a judicial philosophy that respects the letter of the law and the Constitution.

Following the meeting, Chairman Grassley made this statement:

“I just had a pleasant conversation with Judge Kavanaugh. He and I have not interacted a lot in our lifetime, so getting acquainted with him again is very important. He’s a respected jurist in the court he sits on. He’s written many outstanding opinions that I think are going to be gone through by every lawyer, at least on our committee.”

“Today, we discussed the general process of considering and confirming nominees to the Supreme Court. I intend this process to be thorough, fair and efficient. We will evaluate his record, which by all preliminary accounts, is outstanding. I look forward to learning more about Judge Kavanaugh as we move forward with the advice and consent process.”

- Press conference photos: [Photo 1](#) | [Photo 2](#) | [Photo 3](#)
- [Photo from meeting](#)

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WaPo Fact Check: Left's Claim on Kavanaugh "An Extreme Distortion"
Kavanaugh's Opinion "A Mainstream View"

NOTE: The [Washington Post](#) is again debunking spurious claims from the Left about Judge Brett Kavanaugh's record, describing the most recent attack as "an extreme distortion" and calling Kavanaugh's opinion "a mainstream view." Excerpts from the *Washington Post* are below.

"Does Brett Kavanaugh think the president is immune from criminal charges?"

[Washington Post](#)

Salvador Rizzo

July 11, 2018

...

"His argument was that the president these days has many weighty responsibilities — wars, economic crises, the threat of terrorist attacks — and shouldn't be encumbered by criminal investigations or charges, or civil lawsuits, while in office."

...

"Kavanaugh's position in this article is different from saying the president can't be indicted under existing law. If he thinks the law already bars an indictment of the sitting president, as some Democrats claim he does, why would he call on Congress to pass a law that shields the president from criminal charges?"

...

"That's a mainstream view. As we noted, the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel has written two memos (in 1973 and 2000) saying the president can't be indicted..."

...

"...Kavanaugh never states his view whether the Constitution allows it. In fact, he says Congress should pass legislation to ensure the president is immune from civil and criminal proceedings while in office."

...

"Kavanaugh's stated views on this question don't go as far as Fallon, Maloney and Ocasio Cortez claimed. Their tweets merit Two Pinocchios, although we considered giving Three. To say Kavanaugh is Trump's 'get out of jail free card' is an extreme distortion of what he's written."

Last week, the *Washington Post* [also debunked](#) the claim that the “Biden Rule” applies to midterm election years. The “[Biden Rule](#)” has always been about presidential election years, not midterm election years.

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Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Chairman Grassley Discusses SCOTUS on Morning Cable TV Shows

WASHINGTON U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, appeared on Fox News Channel, CNN, Fox Business Network and Bloomberg TV this morning to discuss President Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. Video clips of his appearances can be found below.

[Fox News Channel](#)



[CNN](#)



[Fox Business Network](#)



[Bloomberg TV](#)



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Dear Guys: Just FYI. No need to read; no response expected. H.

<https://www.city-journal.org/html/yale-letter-brett-kavanaugh-16026.html>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Editorial Boards Across America Praise Judge Kavanaugh

"If one were to create an ideal résumé for the position of Supreme Court justice, it would not look terribly different from Brett Michael Kavanaugh's"

"Kavanaugh is a highly qualified 'originalist' who will help return the U.S. Supreme Court to its proper function in American society"

WASHINGTON Supreme Court justice nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh is earning broad support from the nation's editorial boards.

[The Wall Street Journal](#): "Judge Kavanaugh has an exemplary record that suggests he will help to restore the Supreme Court to its proper, more modest role in American politics and society. He has the experience and intellect to be a leader on the Court, not merely a predictable vote on this or that issue. In particular, Judge Kavanaugh is among a younger generation of judges who base their rulings on the text of the Constitution and Congressional statute."

[New York Post](#): "Indeed, [Kavanaugh]'s more than just qualified. In his 12 years on the federal appeals bench, he's built an exemplary record that's left a decided impact on the law: The Supreme Court has fully adopted the logic behind 11 of his decisions in its own rulings. And while that record is reliably conservative, he's far from the "hard right" extremist described by, among others, New York's own Chuck Schumer. The Senate minority leader vows to fight Kavanaugh 'with everything I've got.' Justice designate Kavanaugh ... would ensure faithful adherence to the Constitution. No wonder Schumer & Co. are terrified."

[The Los Angeles Times](#): "With his nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has chosen an experienced federal judge with a conservative record whose profile is less ideological than those of some other candidates..."

[Chicago Tribune](#): “Kavanaugh’s record suggests that by these standards, he’s highly qualified. In 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which deals with especially complex regulatory cases, he’s authored some 300 decisions. Taken as a body of work, they reflect a great allegiance to the words of the Constitution... In picking Kavanaugh, Trump is nominating an experienced jurist of strong character and principles.”

[Boston Herald](#): “Kavanaugh is a solid pick for the Supreme Court. He is a true conservative and considered a brilliant thinker by his contemporaries.”

[The Detroit News](#): “Brett Kavanaugh is an intelligent and deliberate judge who is poised to become a conservative thought leader on the U.S. Supreme court. His record on the appellate court suggests that President Trump’s nominee to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy will maintain a commitment to interpreting the law as it is written, and not how he may wish it had been crafted... Kavanaugh can be counted on to defer to precedent and eschew partisanship... His credentials, his commitment to judicial independence, his unassailable character, his record as a judge dedicated to the Constitution and his likeability should overwhelm the Senate skeptics who will be tempted to oppose him simply because he was appointed by Trump.”

[San Diego Union Tribune](#): “In choosing Brett Kavanaugh — a judge on the Washington, D.C., U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, Trump has chosen a deeply experienced nominee with 300 opinions under his belt who appears well within the judicial mainstream.”

[Richmond Times Dispatch](#): “If one were to create an ideal résumé for the position of Supreme Court justice, it would not look terribly different from Brett Michael Kavanaugh’s curriculum vitae. President Trump’s nominee to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy is more than qualified for the job... Indeed, Kavanaugh’s qualifications are impeccable — unfortunately, that won’t stop him from being lambasted by opposition on the left concerned about his conservative values.”

[Charleston Post and Courier](#): “Brett Kavanaugh is a highly qualified ‘originalist’ who will help return the U.S. Supreme Court to its proper function in American society. The Senate should quickly confirm him.”

[Las Vegas Review Journal](#): “Judge Kavanaugh is eminently accomplished... Judge Kavanaugh is firmly in the judicial mainstream, although Democrats will no doubt try to twist him into a rabid, dangerous extremist. He is, in fact, a constitutionalist who believes that judges should follow the nation’s founding document rather than reinterpret law to achieve desired ends.”

[New Hampshire Union Leader](#): “Kavanaugh is an experienced, well qualified pick, and would have easily won confirmation if that were the criteria used. But that standard has eroded to nothingness since Democrats smeared Robert Bork 31 years ago.”

[San Bernardino Sun](#): “Impeccably credentialed... Of course, that has not stopped the usual ideological suspects from flying into action to discredit and impugn Kavanaugh. A nationally respected expert on administrative law, Kavanaugh has also been subject to cries that he will slavishly serve the interests of big business. Much nearer to the truth is informed speculation that, if confirmed, Kavanaugh will find occasion to chip away at the federal bureaucracy more to curb government excess than to line the pockets of CEOs.”

[Lowell Sun](#): “What Democrats cannot question is Brett Kavanaugh’s credentials. After all the drama and histrionics, sensible Democrats should put politics aside and vote to make him the ninth member of the Supreme Court.”

[The Intelligencer](#): “Kavanaugh has said that if confirmed to the Supreme Court, his allegiance will be to the Constitution as it is written, not to his personal preferences. That is precisely what the nation needs. That, not how Kavanaugh may rule on any single issue, ought to be Manchin’s concern. And if he determines the nominee will be an impartial arbiter, Manchin should vote for confirmation.”

[Weekly Standard](#): “[N]either Judge Kavanaugh’s words nor his achievements nor his character will give any fair minded lawmaker, Democrat or Republican, reason to conclude that he is anything but a first rate legal mind and a conspicuously qualified nominee.”

[National Review](#): “Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump’s new nominee for the Supreme Court, is a whip smart legal conservative. As a judge in the highest profile appeals court in the nation, he has shown an exemplary dedication to the rule of law.”

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Tuesday, July 17, 2018

FACT CHECKED: NYT, WaPo, PolitiFact Debunk Dem Claims on Kavanaugh

WASHINGTON Fact checkers have been busy doling out Pinocchios, context and corrections on Democratic attacks since President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. Democratic leaders' claims on Kavanaugh's nomination and his record on precedent, health care, the rule of law and presidential power are being debunked faster than they can be invented.

With many Democratic senators announcing their blanket opposition to any potential nominee before Kavanaugh was even nominated, it's no wonder Democratic leaders are [scrambling](#) to [come up with reasons](#) to oppose him and are forced to resort to unsubstantiated fiction.

Take a look at what independent, third party fact checkers are saying about Democratic claims on Kavanaugh.

'Very Wrong,' 'Disingenuous,' 'Extreme Distortion,' 'Exaggerated,' 'No Evidence to Justify These Theories'

[Washington Post](#): "For the record: Supreme Court nominees considered in 'election years'"

- "Bottom line: it's pretty clear the debate in 2016 revolved around nominations made in a presidential election year. Democrats are simply spinning a false narrative."

[PolitiFact](#): "Bernie Sanders' claim that Brett Kavanaugh defies Supreme Court precedent a stretch"

- Sanders is "very wrong when he suggests Kavanaugh's opinion is at odds with 200 years of Supreme Court precedent."
- "We rate this statement Mostly False."

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[New York Times](#): "Democrats Overstate Kavanaugh's Writings on the Affordable Care Act"

- "As they try to block his nomination to the Supreme Court, Senate Democrats have exaggerated

Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh's hostility to the Affordable Care Act in his public statements and writings."

- "Nicholas Bagley, a professor of health law and administrative law at the University of Michigan, disagreed with the Democrats' framing of Judge Kavanaugh's writings."

[Washington Post](#): "To say Kavanaugh is Trump's 'get out of jail free card' is an extreme distortion of what he's written"

- "Kavanaugh's position in this article is different from saying the president can't be indicted under existing law."
- On Kavanaugh's opinion: "That's a mainstream view."

[PolitiFact](#): "Many Democrats have latched onto Kavanaugh's statement about investigations into presidents. But we found that Democrats aren't telling the full story about what Kavanaugh said."

- "Schumer is plucking one part of what Kavanaugh wrote in a 2009 Minnesota law review paper without recapping his comments in full."

[Washington Post](#): "The thinly sourced theories about Trump's loans and Justice Kennedy's son"

- "Scratching below the surface, there's no evidence to justify these theories."
- The claims "are incendiary and worthy of Four Pinocchios."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Grassley: Kavanaugh Review Will Be Thorough and Fair, but No Taxpayer-Funded Fishing Expedition

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley today released the following statement regarding the committee review of documents relevant to the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

“This will be my 15th Supreme Court confirmation hearing. It will be the most transparent and thorough process of any of them. We will fulfill our constitutional duty to independently evaluate Judge Kavanaugh’s qualifications. We have 12 years and more than 300 of his judicial writings on the D.C. Circuit, along with hundreds of opinions that he joined. We will also review his many academic writings and speeches. At Judge Kavanaugh’s hearing, we will hear from the people who know him best. We will also have the opportunity to look at relevant and proportional emails and other records from Judge Kavanaugh’s service in the White House. The committee will use sophisticated technology to conduct a thorough review. We will follow the gold standard for lawyers litigating in courthouses across America every day. We will have the manpower, technology and other resources to follow a confirmation timeline similar to the standard for previous Supreme Court nominees.

“Many Democrats announced their opposition to this nominee before the vetting process ever began. They’ve made clear that their plan will be to obstruct and delay at every corner, and reviewing Judge Kavanaugh’s record will be no different. Rest assured, this process will be fair and thorough. At the same time, I will not allow taxpayers to be on the hook for a government-funded fishing expedition.”

Consistent with the review of White House records of previous Supreme Court nominees, non privileged records subject to the *Presidential Records Act* may be considered by the committee. Consistent with the federal rules and litigation standards, similar to how judges and lawyers handle e Discovery in federal courthouse across America, the committee will seek a bipartisan agreement on the proper scope and use an e Discovery platform to conduct its review of ‘relevant’ and ‘proportional’ records. Federal law permits lawyers for President George W. Bush and President Donald J. Trump to review the documents for privilege

and privacy concerns. Records are expected to be provided to the committee on a rolling basis and on an equal basis to the Chairman and the Ranking Member.

For additional context, here are data points for the last three Supreme Court nominees who previously served in the Executive Branch:

Nominee	Pages of Documents Produced	Number of Written Judicial Opinions
John Roberts	~70,000	49 published; 0 unpublished
Elena Kagan	~173,000	0 published; 0 unpublished
Neil Gorsuch	~182,000	239 published; 618 unpublished

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Judge Kavanaugh Returns Senate Judiciary Questionnaire

WASHINGTON Last evening, Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh returned the bipartisan Judiciary Committee questionnaire Chairman Chuck Grassley and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein sent to him on July 13. The questionnaire can be found [HERE](#). Related materials and appendices can be found [HERE](#).

"I appreciate Judge Kavanaugh's diligent and timely response to the broadest and most comprehensive questionnaire ever sent by this Committee. In his 12-plus years on the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has authored more than 300 opinions and joined hundreds of others, all of which are publicly available. Additionally, Judge Kavanaugh's public record includes dozens of speeches and writings. These voluminous materials will provide us a very good understanding of Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications and legal thinking – including how Judge Kavanaugh goes about finding, interpreting, and applying the law. I look forward to reviewing this and other materials, along with hearing from Judge Kavanaugh and the other hearing witnesses, as a part of the Committee's fair, thorough and efficient vetting process," Grassley said.

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