

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
United States Senate  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
290 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We the undersigned alumnae of St. Mary's Dominican High School write to you in opposition of the confirmation of fellow alum, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, to the United States Supreme Court.

Dominican graduates live in many cities, states, and countries, practice many faiths, and come from a diversity of political and social backgrounds. We are united, however, in our search and hunger for *Veritas*, Latin for "truth," as it is the motto of our Alma Mater.

We are proud of Dominican's Catholic heritage and the rich education we received as students but are troubled to see Barrett's faith distorted and used as an excuse for her exclusionary and uncharitable positions. Fellow alumna, Lisa M. O'Neill wrote in *The Guardian* that while Barrett's faith and devoutness is not in itself troubling, it is disqualifying when, "Her faith paired with her legal theory might compel her to make decisions that would negatively impact the lives, agency and wellbeing of generations of Americans."

As students at Dominican, we were often reminded that "to whom much is given, much is expected." We were reminded that the privilege of a Dominican education requires us to speak on behalf of those on the margins and the most vulnerable in society. In her tenure on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Barrett has repeatedly sided with the powerful at the expense of the vulnerable including immigrants and prisoners. She has indicated in her writing and through her actions her disdain for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, her opposition to the Affordable Care Act, and her support for the imposition of unreasonable restrictions on safe abortion access. It is for these reasons that it is our duty to condemn Barrett's record as a federal judge and her nomination to the highest Court.

We, the undersigned alumnae, informed by our Dominican education, are profoundly disappointed and disturbed by the nomination of Judge Barrett. As millions of Americans suffer in the face of the crises of COVID-19, economic distress, and systemic racism, we urge the Senate to cease the undemocratic showmanship of these confirmation hearings but instead recommit to upholding the common good for all Americans.