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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Judge Kavanaugh. Judicial power rests on public faith in the impartiality of the court. Polls show faith in our system to be at historic lows which Judge Kavanaugh would further erode. First there is the partisan confirmation process, with Judge Garland not even receiving a hearing and the Senate ramming nominees through at a shocking pace. Second there is the selection process with your list drawn up by the hyperpartisan Federalist Society. Finally there is the extremely partisan record of Judge Kavanaugh as is clear even from the trickle of documents Mr Burck has let out. This includes the stark difference between his treatment of President Clinton working with Mr Starr and his more recent extreme deference to the presidency after working for President Bush. example is his support of unlimited money in politics in his Emily's List decision on PACs - likely related to his cosiness with the Federalist Soc. Yet another is his elevation of partisanship over morality or science in his advice around getting Justice Kennedy's vote for torture and his ruling against EPA regulation of greenhouse gasses.

Please assure me that you will withdraw Judge Kavanaugh's nomination.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our independent courts.

s Sincerely, Eric Babson