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Senator Mitch McConnell
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

Thank you for your swift action to hold hearings and to make certain that each Senator has the opportunity to consider the President’s nomination to fill the open seat on the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is of utmost importance that the Supreme Court has a full nine-member court before Election Day on November 3, 2020. Maintaining the integrity and credibility of our elections is of paramount significance to each of us as our state’s respective chief election official. Americans must be able to exercise their constitutional right to vote with confidence, knowing their ballot will be counted for the candidate of their choice.

In the case an election issue is challenged in court, America cannot afford a tie vote. We must be able to report election results in a timely, secure, and efficient manner as we have done before.

The Honorable Amy Coney Barrett is an outstanding nominee for consideration for a vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States. She brings with her an unblemished record and extensive experience as a litigator and distinguished professor of law at the University of Notre Dame. Her philosophy and tried and true beliefs of upholding the constitution and the laws of our nation as written make her an excellent choice for our nation’s highest court. It is her strong belief that judges are not policymakers, nor judicial activists, and judges at all levels must set aside any personal, political or policy views and follow and interpret the rule of law. Judge Amy Coney Barrett is a great example of the type individual we need on our highest court.

We urge you to work with your colleagues and the President to see that the Judge Barrett is confirmed before November 3 – thus ensuring Americans can freely participate in honest elections.
Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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