

Tuesday July 3rd 2018

No meeting with our senators' staffers. We met and discussed the open Justice position. This discussion point was emailed in by a constituent: what do we make of our options in tackling Trump's inevitable poor choice of Justice to replace Kennedy on the Supreme Court?

45 Wants to Take Health Care & Overturn Roe vs. Wade

45's list of nominees for the position of justice was compiled by the Heritage Foundation and Federalist Society who want to end healthcare and want to see Roe overturned--each one of those 25 names was selected to do those two things (and more).

From Sen. Schumer: Our Residents Need to be Vocal!

Most of the Senate want a justice who believes in health care for half of all Americans (those with pre-existing conditions); and women's reproductive rights.

"While the number of Democrats in the Senate is not a majority, the number of senators who believe in protections for those with pre-existing conditions and women's reproductive rights is. Given this vacancy, the best way to defend those rights is for a bipartisan majority in the Senate to lock arms and reject a Supreme Court nominee who would overturn them. It will not happen on its own. It requires the public's focus on these issues, and its pressure on the Senate."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/02/opinion/chuck-schumer-supreme-court-health-care.html>

The remaining justices were appointed when they were between 43 and 60 years old, and they all attended Ivy League law schools. Half were nominated by a Democrat, and half by a Republican.



The Nomination Process

It takes a simple majority, 51 votes in the Senate. There is no filibuster option.

There are 49 Democrats and 2 Independents who vote Democrat.

"Democrats lowered the number of senators needed to force a vote on lower-court judges from 60 to 51 in 2013.

Last year, Senate Republicans followed suit and eliminated the filibuster on Supreme Court nominations, meaning that Trump's pick will only need to clear a 50-vote threshold to be confirmed, assuming Vice President Pence casts the tie-breaking vote."

More: https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/politics/supreme-court-justice-nominations/?utm_term=.6724df91e4a3

List of Seattle Area Indivisible Groups

Mark Garrett offered us his list of Seattle area Indivisible groups – some of which are not on the Indivisible site:

[http://www.indivisiblebainbridgeisland.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Seattle Area Indivisible Groups List-4July18.xlsx](http://www.indivisiblebainbridgeisland.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Seattle_Area_Indivisible_Groups_List-4July18.xlsx)