



The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

May 24, 2010

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing today on behalf of Americans United for Life regarding the nomination of Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court of the United States. We are deeply concerned that the Senate Judiciary Committee will have insufficient time to review Elena Kagan's record before commencing her hearing on June 28, 2010. **Therefore, we request that you provide whatever time is needed for members to thoroughly prepare for the hearing, even if it requires postponing the hearing date.**

Terri Garner, director of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum has reportedly stated that it will be "very difficult" to produce all of the documents requested by the Committee pertaining to Kagan's service in the Clinton White House by the June 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

We at Americans United for Life, like most Americans, believe that a nominee's judicial philosophy goes to the heart of his or her qualifications to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Because Solicitor General Kagan has not served as a judge, and consequently there are no judicial decisions to review, it is critical that Committee members be given ample time to review the documents she produced while serving in the executive branch, and thoroughly question her about those writings in order to understand the philosophy she would bring to the Court. Without time to complete this process, members will be unable to adequately perform their Constitutional duty to evaluate her qualifications.

Americans and their elected representatives deserve to learn more about Kagan's judicial philosophy before she is given a lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court. We thank you for your service and ask that you please give this request serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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CC:

The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader  
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