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Urge your U.S. Senator to hold U.S. Supreme Court justice hearings

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - March 16, the President nominated a consensus, centrist justice for the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Merrick Garland - a senate-confirmed D.C. U.S. Appeals Court judge - was nominated as a replacement for the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Some Senators are threatening to turn their backs on their constitutional duty and responsibility to hold hearings to vote on the President's nominee.

Regardless of political ideology, our system of government only works if we follow the framework set forth by the U.S. Constitution. If your Senators support the nominee, they should vote yes. If they do not, then, the nomination fails. Period. If the Senators disagree with the President's nominee they should stand behind their convictions, hold the hearing and vote no.

"By failing to hold nomination hearings, these Senators are threatening to drastically alter our Constitution. Not through the amendment process, but in a helter-skelter manner that would enable them (not the people of the United States) to pick and choose which portions of the Constitution they want to follow," Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairperson Aaron A. Payment MPA said.

The world is watching to see if our United States institutions of government are stable. Tell your Senators to hold hearings on the President's nominee for U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Merrick Garland.

You can find your Senators at www.senate.gov/senators/contact.

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