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Hon. Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Hon. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Hon. Senator Kamala Harris
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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**RE: Nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the
United States Supreme Court**

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Senator Harris:

Lawyers Club of San Diego is gravely concerned with the ongoing Senate Judiciary Committee proceedings concerning the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Lawyers Club is a legal association established in 1972 to advance the status of women in the law and society. Our membership consists of over 1,300 attorneys and professionals in the San Diego area, and we are proud to be your constituents. We cannot succeed in our mission to ensure that women can meaningfully advance in their chosen careers and in society unless we eradicate sex and gender-based discrimination and ensure that all checks and balances in our system are properly followed.

Lawyers Club of San Diego urges the Committee and the Senate to delay any vote on Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation until both the FBI and the Committee can fully investigate Dr.

Christine Blasey Ford's allegations. First, we support the position that the FBI must complete a thorough and independent investigation regarding the allegations prior to any witnesses giving testimony before the Committee. We ask that you insist upon an FBI investigation into these allegations before proceeding with any confirmation votes or additional testimony. Second, and after the FBI completes its investigation, we urge the Committee to conduct a full and fair investigation into the allegations before holding any confirmation vote.

Further, it is important that the Senate Judiciary Committee take steps to ensure that alleged victims are not re-victimized in the process of conducting the investigation and hearing. Allowing law enforcement to fulfill its investigative duties with integrity and respect and requiring a full and complete vetting is a necessary step and critical procedure prior to the consideration of a lifetime appointment to our country's highest and most prestigious court.

It is essential that you ensure that a decision to confirm a lifetime appointee to our nation's highest court is not made in haste. The public deserves to have all Supreme Court justices fully vetted and we demand it.

Respectfully,

Lawyers Club of San Diego

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danna J. Cotman', written in a cursive style.

By: Danna J. Cotman, President