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ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL JOINS FELLOW AGs IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S NOMINATION OF JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall was one of 26 attorneys general voicing support for President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. In a letter to Senate leadership Thursday, Marshall and his AG colleagues urged the Senate to promptly approve the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh

"As the chief legal officers of our States, we write to urge the United States Senate to promptly hold a hearing on and confirm the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States," Attorney General Marshall and his AG colleagues wrote. "Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding jurist with a proven commitment to upholding the Constitution and the rule of law. We have no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, temperament, and judicial philosophy to be an excellent Associate Justice.

"Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated an abiding commitment to the principles and freedoms on which our country was founded, and an unshakable respect for the proper role of the courts within our constitutional structure. The Senate should confirm Judge Kavanaugh without delay.

"Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court will have profound and long-lasting consequences for the people in our States. For too long we have suffered the ill effects of federal overreach as all three branches have at times exceeded the constitutional limits on their authority. Judge Kavanaugh will help reverse that trend by reviewing challenged laws and regulations with an eye to ensuring that all branches of our government act within their constitutionally assigned roles – regardless of which party is in power. A judiciary committed to the fundamental principles enshrined in the Constitution can ensure that the work being done now is safeguarded for decades to come.

"As Attorneys General of our respective states, we have a special interest in ensuring that the federal government respects the important role of the States in crafting and tailoring regulatory policy on matters of local concern. Federal judges, including the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court – must respect principles of federalism and the balance of power reflected in our Constitution. We are confident Judge Kavanaugh appreciates that balance, and that he will protect prerogatives of the States to manage their own regulatory framework."



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Judge Kavanaugh was nominated by President Trump on July 9 to replace retiring Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Attorney General Marshall joined attorneys general from West Virginia, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming in writing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader Charles Schumer, Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley and Senate Judiciary Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein in support of Judge Kavanaugh's nomination.

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A copy of the attorney generals' letter is <u>attached</u>