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## Wisconsin Elected Officials Respond to the Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court

On the occasion of the dates for Judge Neil Gorsuch's confirmation hearings being announced, Wisconsin elected officials held a press call yesterday to highlight their concerns with Judge Gorsuch's judicial record, thank Senator Tammy Baldwin for her bold leadership on behalf of Wisconsinites, and call upon Senator Ron Johnson to oppose the confirmation of Judge Gorsuch. These Wisconsin elected officials made it crystal clear: Wisconsinites need a Supreme Court Justice who will defend working people, not an extremist Judge like Neil Gorsuch who will roll over in deference to the destructive agenda of President Donald Trump.

*"Supreme Court nominations are among the most consequential decisions a president makes. Justices can sit on the bench for decades, and their interpretations of our constitution can affect the day-to-day lives of our American neighbors for years to come,"* **Senator Chris Larson** stated, *"the people of Wisconsin deserve an independent Supreme Court Justice who will stand up for them over powerful special interests ... On a range of fundamental issues, from sex discrimination to worker safety, [Judge Gorsuch] has refused to let ordinary people have their day in court."*

*"I too am deeply disturbed by Neil Gorsuch's record. In particular, I'm disturbed by his decision in the Hobby Lobby case,"* said **Dane County Supervisor Jenni Dye**, *"When a woman makes a decision about using birth control, that shouldn't have anything to do with her boss' opinions. She should have the right to make that decision for herself and her family. But for Neil Gorsuch, it's the employer's religious beliefs, and not the woman, that matters."*

*"Given what we've seen and heard from President Trump in the past few weeks, I think it's more important than ever that we have a Supreme Court that can be an independent check on this president,"* added **Representative Daniel Riemer**. *"Donald Trump has made clear that he wants judges who will rubber stamp his extreme, unconstitutional agenda. We should all be deeply worried that that's exactly what he found in Neil Gorsuch. Remember: Supreme Court Justices serve for life. And we need people on the court who will stand up for our Constitution."*

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