WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

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WCASA Condemns Senate Judiciary Committee Vote to Advance Judge Kavanaugh

Madison – September 28, 2018 – WCASA condemns the shameful vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee today. Despite the courageous testimony of Dr. Ford yesterday, eleven Senators voted to advance the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh for consideration by the full Senate.

Dr. Ford demonstrated tremendous bravery in her testimony yesterday. Her courage prompted more survivors to share their stories. Unfortunately, the message the Judiciary Committee sent today is that Dr. Ford is lying. This is exactly the reason that so many survivors do not report their assault. Those voting to confirm Judge Kavanaugh cannot have it both ways – you cannot state you believe she was sexually assaulted and vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh when Dr. Ford was unequivocal in her testimony yesterday about who assaulted her.

Due to the news of a potential delay in the floor vote, we will continue to watch the Senate for an indication that they take sexual assault seriously. While those messages have not been forthcoming from the Senate in the past few weeks, there is still time to change the narrative and outcome. For survivors in Wisconsin, we believe you and here is a link to the agencies that will stand by your side.

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The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA, www.wcasa.org) is a membership agency comprised of organizations and individuals working to end sexual violence in Wisconsin. Among these are the 56 sexual assault service provider agencies throughout the state that offer support, advocacy and information to survivors of sexual assault and their families.

WCASA works to ensure that every survivor in Wisconsin gets the support and care they need. WCASA also works to create the social change necessary to end all forms of sexual violence.

Be the social change to end sexual violence.