

Durbin releases statement on President Trump's Supreme Court nomination

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WASHINGTON—U.S. Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL), a member of the Judiciary Committee, released the following statement on President Trump's nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch:

Only 12 days into this Administration, we've already seen unlawful executive orders blocked by a federal court, and the unprecedented dismissal of an Attorney General for disagreeing with the President. I believe the independence of our judicial system, and especially the Supreme Court, is more critical now than at any time in recent history. That is the context in which I will review this nomination.

I will meet with Judge Gorsuch and support a hearing and a vote for him—both of which were denied to an eminently qualified nominee presented by President Obama.

The American people need to know what they can expect from this nominee, and that he will protect our fundamental constitutional rights on issues like voting rights, immigration, privacy, and women's health. In recent years, the Court's decisions have shifted dramatically toward big money corporate interests at the expense of American workers and small businesses—we need a Court that is on the side of Main Street, not Wall Street.

This Supreme Court seat does not belong to President Trump or to any political party. It belongs to the American people, and I will work to make sure their voices are heard in this debate.