



September 18, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: 61 LGBT Organizations Demand Kavanaugh Hearing be Postponed to Allow a Full Investigation into the Detailed Allegations from Professor Ford**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We, the undersigned 61 national, state and local advocacy organizations, representing the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and everyone living with HIV, write to urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to postpone the upcoming hearing on the confirmation of Brett M. Kavanaugh to a seat on the United States Supreme Court so that a fair and appropriate investigation can take place regarding the detailed and credible allegations of sexual assault made by Professor Christine Blasey Ford. Scheduling a hearing on Monday allows no time for any such investigation to occur, undermining the credibility of the entire exercise. Moving ahead on such an artificially expedited schedule will do lasting and irreparable damage to the legitimacy of not only the United States Senate but the Supreme Court as well.

In addition to the substantive concerns cited in our July 31, 2018 letter, these new charges are serious and potentially disqualifying for any person being considered for a position of authority and trust. This is particularly so for someone nominated to serve on the nation's highest court, thus making the need for a fair and independent investigation even more critical.

Nearly twenty-seven years ago, Professor Anita Hill was vilified for coming forward to tell her story. But even she was given a fuller hearing than what is currently being contemplated here. This is simply unacceptable. We urge the Senate not to repeat the grave mistakes of the past when it comes to addressing serious allegations of sexual misconduct by a nominee to the Supreme Court.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide additional information. You can reach us through Sharon McGowan, Chief Strategy Officer and Legal Director for Lambda Legal, at [smcgowan@lambdalegal.org](mailto:smcgowan@lambdalegal.org).



Very truly yours,

Lambda Legal  
AIDS United  
Alaskans Together for Equality  
Athlete Ally  
Basic Rights Oregon  
BiNet USA  
Bisexual Organizing Project (BOP)  
Boston Bisexual Women's Network  
Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Colorado LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce  
Equality Alabama  
Equality California  
Equality Federation  
Equality Florida  
Equality Illinois  
EqualityMaine  
Equality Michigan  
Equality New Mexico  
Equality North Carolina  
Equality Ohio  
Equality Pennsylvania  
Equality South Dakota  
Equality Texas  
Equality Utah  
Fairness Campaign – Kentucky  
Fairness West Virginia  
Family Equality Council  
FilmDis  
FORGE, Inc.  
FreeState Justice  
Garden State Equality  
Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network (GSA Network)  
Georgia Equality  
GLAAD  
Kansas City Center for Inclusion  
Louisiana Trans Advocates  
MassEquality  
Mazzoni Center  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health



National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Health Law Program  
One Colorado  
One Iowa  
OutCenter of Southwest Michigan  
OutFront Minnesota  
Outserve – SLDN  
PROMO  
SAGE  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Southern Arizona Gender Alliance  
The LGBT Bar Association and Foundation of Greater New York (LeGaL)  
Transgender Law Center  
TransOhio  
Trans Youth Equality Foundation  
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity  
Whitman-Walker Health