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CLS SUPPORTS CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE NEIL GORSUCH

"Judge Gorsuch has been faithful to his judicial oath to uphold the Constitution as it is written, not as he might wish it was written," explained Kim Colby, Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom Director. "Like Justice Scalia, for that faithfulness he will be castigated by those who would have the Supreme Court re-write the Constitution with an eye to popular polls. Yet, it is for that faithfulness that CLS believes Judge Gorsuch will make an excellent Justice."

Christian Legal Society believes that the next Justice of the United States Supreme Court should be a fearless voice in support of religious freedom and the right to life for all Americans. Because religious freedom has been under direct assault in recent years, there has never been a more important time to appoint a Justice who will defend all Americans' religious freedom.

Judge Gorsuch's court rulings demonstrate that he fully supports a textualist interpretation of the Constitution. That is, the Constitution is not a blank page upon which a Justice may project his or her personal preferences. Instead, the Constitution is a written contract between our government "by the People" and the People themselves – and is to be faithfully applied by judges according to the Constitution's own written terms.

Judge Gorsuch's strong defense of the Constitution's separation of powers as fundamental to the preservation of individual liberty indicates that, as a Justice on the Supreme Court, he will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. For these reasons, CLS urges his swift confirmation by the Senate.