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SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

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DEAR SENATOR LEAHY:

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF WOMEN HELPED BY OUR ABORTION FUND (PRIVATE, NONPROFIT) TO URGE YOUR OPPOSITION TO SAMUEL ALITO TO THE SUPREME COURT.

MR. ALITO'S OPPOSITION TO ABORTION FOR ANY WOMAN IS WELL DOCUMENTED AS IS HIS SUPPORT OF USING PUBLIC MONEY FOR RELIGIOUSLY SEGREGATED SCHOOLS. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC FOR WOMEN AND FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IF HE IS CHOSEN FOR THE COURT. IF HE IS SEATED, WE WOULD HAVE A NINE-MEMBER COURT WITH A MAJORITY, FIVE OF THEM, RIGHTWING, RADICAL CATHOLIC MEN.

OUR NEIGHBOR, CANADA, HAS A NINE-MEMBER COURT, AND FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS ARE WOMEN, INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUSTICE. I THINK THE CHOICE OF ALITO SHOULD BE FILIBUSTERED ON THE BASIS OF HIS BACKGROUND AND STATEMENTS, AND WITH THE HOPE THAT SOMEWHERE IN THIS COUNTRY THERE IS A REPUBLICAN WOMAN WHO IS MAINSTREAM ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THIS 21ST CENTURY.

PLEASE OPPOSE ALITO AND PREVENT TRAGEDY FOR WOMEN IN THE FUTURE.

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