Media pressure is building to push President-Elect Trump away from appointing a strongly pro-life replacement to Justice Scalia. Recent articles promote candidates who are not really pro-life, as this article does. The voter recount effort may be intended to force Trump to compromise about the Supreme Court. Our side should not rely on "wishful thinking" about nominees - two out of Reagan's three Supreme Court nominees were mistakes.

The likelihood is increasing that Trump will interview at least one of the six candidates below who would not really vote to overturn Roe v. Wade. Senators and Trump's advisers on this issue need to hear from us that we won't accept another David Souter, and Trump should not be misled to pick a mistake. Justice Scalia's seat must be filled by someone who is publicly pro-life, as Scalia was, and as Trump promised.

Here's the list of the unacceptable potential nominees:

**NOT pro-life:**

Diane Sykes:
- ruled against a pro-life Indiana law and required taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood;
- also, as a state court judge Sykes sentenced two veteran abortion protesters to 60 days in jail

Steven Colloton:
- wrote or joined multiple pro-abortion opinions: one to eviscerate a pro-life South Dakota law, another to side with a fellow pro-abort judge against a pro-life Nebraska law, and a third to side with a pro-abort judge to come down hard on a pro-life internet activist

Joan L. Larsen:
- a feminist law professor who declared recently that there is sexism in law; she has repeatedly mentioned Roe v. Wade without criticizing it; she clerked for Justice Scalia but many of his clerks were not pro-life; she has no federal judgeship experience and is similar to David Souter in her weakness in writing ability, which makes her susceptible to influence by the liberal media

**Probably would NOT be pro-life on the Supreme Court:**

Neil Gorsuch:
- wrote about abortion using the terminology of the pro-abortion side, without ever referring to the "unborn child"; he has avoided mentioning abortion as a judge but has favorably cited the Blackmun decision that gave abortionists legal standing to challenge pro-life laws; and while religious beliefs are not a test for public office, Gorsuch's Episcopalian church has declared its “unequivocal opposition” to pro-life laws and he has said nothing publicly pro-life

Raymond Kethledge:
- joined a decision that favorably cited a precedent censoring a pro-life advertisement, and held against allowing a Christian advertisement too

Allison Eid:
- unusually silent on abortion; she tersely dissented from a denial of cert. before the Colorado Sup. Ct. in a challenge to an injunction against abortion protesters, initially on only the limited grounds of the length of the injunction and then later only on free speech grounds
If President-Elect Trump prefers to nominate a woman, then Judge Jennifer Elrod, a Scalia-like federal pro-life jurist, should be added to the list.

A coalition letter on this all-important topic is being developed. Please let me know if you're interested, and please forward this email to others. Thank you.

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