Ilyse Hogue: Hello everyone, this is Ilyse Hogue, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America and I'm so thrilled to be with you all tonight on the MoveOn resistant wind call. I am a Move On alumni, I was there for six years, and MoveOn members remain among my very favorite people when it comes to changing this county.

Ilyse Hogue: I am thrilled to be here tonight with an amazing group of people, and I'm gonna talk to you for just a minute about the next approximately three weeks in the life of our country, which I think, as someone who has been organizing for social justice for my entire adult life is the most consequential three weeks that I have ever faced in my life.

Ilyse Hogue: The reason for that is that this nomination, the hearings, and the potential vote on Judge Brett Kavanaugh for a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court is so much greater than one nomination. This is the final chess move in a 30-year plan by the right wing to capture our court and make it subservient to a corrupt administration of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, and a corrupt GOP held Congress.

Ilyse Hogue: If they achieve this, and that's a big if, and we're gonna talk about that tonight, but if they achieve this everything that we all collectively hold dear is in jeopardy. Yes, wearing the hat I'm wearing right now there is no question Brett Kavanaugh will end Roe, criminalize abortion, punish women, but we're also gonna talk about climate change on this call, and I have spent the first 10 years of my career working on climate change and environmental integrity, and goodbye environmental regulations, goodbye voting rights, and most significantly, Brett Kavanaugh has said that he would put this president, this president that you guys have fought so hard against, above the law.

Ilyse Hogue: History will judge us by our actions from today through the end of this process, and the good news is we are doing a tremendous job. They have told us this fight is inevitable, this fight is anything but inevitable because of all the hard work we've done together and all the hundreds of actions that have happened all over the country already. This judge, Brett Kavanaugh, is the least liked, least favorable judge in modern history. Upwards of 70% of women don't want him confirmed, and the majority of Americans don't want him confirmed. So our charge is really clear. Our charge is to channel that energy of the American people who understand that our future, our freedom, the soul of our democracy is at stake and fight like our lives depend on it for the next, every single day, for the next few weeks.

Ilyse Hogue: Yes, focused on specific senators who we know can make the difference, absolutely, 100%, but also to raise the voices, raise the course, raise the noise nationwide so that we actually are saying this is a referendum on our values and our morals and every single senator will be held to account. We can do this if we
don't believe their line that it's not winnable and we keep doing everything we're doing because they are feeling it, and it is within reach, and we just need to turn up the volume a little tiny bit.

Ilyse Hogue: So what happens is left to talk about like, okay, so we beat this guy and what next because I hear that all the time. That's the amazing news is we beat this guy and three things happen. One, no way they regroup before the midterms. Two, we sail into the midterms with an enormous amount of energy because we've done all the organizing and all of the pointing out how we are different than the other side, and they'd limp into the midterms with a demoralized base and McConnell and Trump falling apart because they never read on this nominee in the first place, and the third thing is they have to come back with someone they can negotiate with everyone who voted no on.

Ilyse Hogue: That's gonna take them a long time. Delays are good. That means that we keep DACA; that means that we keep healthcare. And then we regroup ... we take back the Senate, or we regroup to fight another day. So, years from now, we will look back and our children will ask us, "What did you do in that moment where everything hung in the balance? What did you do?" And the answer has to be, "Every single thing we could."

Ilyse Hogue: So, the first thing that we want you to commit to do is next Sunday, flood the streets with us. NARAL and MoveOn and 58 other groups are going to be flooding the streets in all 50 states in a Day of Action. And the second thing that we need you to do, a Unite for Justice Day of Action, and it will be happening everywhere. The next thing we need you to do is to commit to call your Senators over and over and over. It's gonna work. We're gonna all fight this together. We're gonna all reclaim our future of our country, and we're gonna beat Brett Kavanaugh, and we're gonna beat Donald Trump's agenda from being enshrined into the highest court of the land for decades to come.

Ilyse Hogue: So, with that, I really wanna introduce Anna Chu, who is the vice president of strategy and policy, and a wonderful ally at the National Women's Law Center. Anna, take it away.

Anna Chu: Thank you so much, Ilyse. I'm so excited to be here with you and with everyone on the call tonight to talk about why Kavanaugh's bad news for women.

Anna Chu: So, President Trump's nomination of Kavanaugh puts all women's constitutional rights at risk, including abortion, at risk. This entire process has been flawed from the start. Trump promised to nominate only justices who will over turn Roe v. Wade and dismantle the Affordable Care Act. Now, we should take him at his word, and every single Senator should too.

Anna Chu: But as Ilyse said, this is more than just abortion, though we care deeply, it is also about birth control, the ACA, and workplace justice. So, this is about whether
the Supreme Court would uphold the rights and freedoms and opportunities for everyone, no matter our race or ethnicity or where we come from.

Anna Chu: So, first, on reproductive rights, President Trump has repeatedly promised to only nominate justices to the Supreme Court who will overturn Roe, as I said, and that's why Trump nominated Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh has gone so far as to use his judicial power to try to block a young immigrant woman in US custody from getting an abortion. And he has also argued for bosses to override women's access to birth control.

Anna Chu: Now, the ACA's also on the line. Kavanaugh has criticized the ACA deeply, and his vote could allow insurance companies to deny coverage to people for pre-existing conditions. So, what this means for women is that we could get dragged back to the days when having a C-section would be considered a pre-existing condition. Where being a woman itself is a pre-existing condition, and a reason for insurance to deny us coverage.

Anna Chu: On workplace justice, Kavanaugh has repeatedly ruled against workers pursuing claims of employment discrimination. Now, he's built his career by continuously siding with big employers against working people. In one case, he wrote a defense that would have blown a big gaping hole in the federal law protecting workers against age discrimination. And under his reasoning, the State Department would be allowed to fire federal employees for being over the age of 65, or for being a woman, or for being black, or Muslim or having a disability, simply because those employees worked abroad.

Anna Chu: In another case, he argued the Congressional staff should not be able to bring lawsuits challenging workplace discrimination in most instances. Now that has direct implications for the current efforts right now to fix sexual harassment rules in Congress.

Anna Chu: So, that's just the super top line. We know that Kavanaugh's really not the justice we need. We need and deserve a justice who will protect the constitutional rights of all persons, not just the wealthy and powerful. We need a justice who believes that the Constitution protects the individual rights of all people to make decisions about their own bodies and relationships.

Anna Chu: So, to fight back, I would echo what Ilyse said. You know, we're also happy to be working with a wide array of partners to put together a Week of Action here in DC to show the united voices of women and allies to stop Kavanaugh, where we'll have abortion storytelling, focuses on the ACA. We will be doing a rally in front of the Supreme Court featuring workplace justice issues. We will also a day featuring reproductive justice and safe voices. And all of this is to show the rise and continuous momentum to the big national Day of Action that Ilyse and NARAL and MoveOn is planning to do. But we invite you all to look us up on social too, and check us out at NWLC.org.
Anna Chu: Thanks Ilyse.

Ilyse Hogue: Fantastic Anna. Thank you so much for all of your work on this and everything that you all do over at National Women’s Law Center. A reminder before we go to the next speaker that if you have a question, you can press *3 and you will get into the queue.

Ilyse Hogue: And next, we are joined by a phenomenal fighter, Brian Fallon, the founder and executive director of Demand Justice. Brian.

Brian Fallon: Thank you, Ilyse. It is such a pleasure to be with so many of you on this call, and I just wanna thank you, Ilyse, for your leadership in this fight. This coalition has come together in recent weeks in a way that I could not imagine when Anthony Kennedy announced his resignation in June. And that’s in big part always to the leadership from folks from MoveOn, but Ilyse in particular from the People’s Defense Project.

Brian Fallon: And as Ilyse and Anna both mentioned, this is a very winnable fight. And for evidence of that, you need only look to how Congressional Republicans are resorting to unprecedented process files, and their conducting of this nomination process because they realize that this is the most unpopular nominee since Bork. They realize that the trajectory of this nomination is a losing one for them if they don’t get done with it quickly.

Brian Fallon: So, in the last couple weeks you’ve seen Chuck Grassley announce he’s gonna schedule a hearing for September 4th, right after Labor Day ... they’re speeding this up. By that time, they’re not even gonna have the limited subset of documents that Chuck Grassley is seeking. And keep in mind, they’re only seeking a small percentage of Brett Kavanaugh’s records from his time in the GW Bush White House to begin with. But they’re not even gonna have all of those by the time they schedule this hearing.

Brian Fallon: They’re trying to move fast because they realize our side is getting animated, that we’re getting organized, and they realize that time is not on their side. So, we need to step it up accordingly. And this is a winnable fight for us, but the key step when we come back, after Labor Day when that hearing week begins, is we need to get our caucus, our Democrats united as quickly as possible because the sooner Democrats get united, the more quickly we can focus the spotlight on target Republicans, of which we only need to win over one.

Brian Fallon: And so, to emphasize that, I know that many groups, including MoveOn, a consistent part of their messaging from the beginning of this vacancy fight has been about whipping the vote. And this coming week, we’re gonna be trying to lift up that message. We’re gonna be launching a website, whipthevote.org, that will have a toolkit with call scripts for Democratic Senators that have not yet announced full-on opposition to Brett Kavanaugh. There’s more than 20 of them
so far. Some of them have been doing so because they said, "Hey, I wanna be able to review all the records and size up this nominee in full before I stake out a position." Well guess what? Chuck Grassley and Mitch McConnell's maneuvers here are short circuiting any full some review of Brett Kavanaugh's records. So, they're frustrating any efforts by these Democrats to do their job.

Brian Fallon: So, we're gonna try to up the pressure on them, starting this coming week, to more quickly unify an opposition so we can turn the focus on people like Susan Collins in Maine and Lisa Murkowski in Alaska even more so than has been true today.

Brian Fallon: The other point that I think is so important to reference is that the other thing that the other side would like to say is that this is gonna be a tough vote for these red state Democrats that are in cycle in November. And so, some of the most reluctant Senators to take a position against Brett Kavanaugh so far have been people from those red states, like Joe Manchin and our friends Joe Donnelly in Indiana, for instance; Heidi Heitkamp in North Dakota. But guess what? The conventional wisdom we're finding out is completely wrong because not only is Brett Kavanaugh uniquely unpopular nationally as Ilyse was describing, it turns out that in polling that we're doing in these red states, these deepest of red states where we have Democrats up for re-election, it turns out that a principled no vote against Brett Kavanaugh, even by those red state Democrats, is completely politically survivable.

Brian Fallon: So we have a poll that's in the field right now, we'll be coming up with top line results by the middle of this week, that will show that a principled no vote grounded in a reason like defending healthcare, defending against a president being considered above the law, is not only politically survivable but actually doesn't cost them any votes that they wouldn't lose anyway. And really, the real concern for these Senators would be the suppressive and depressing effect that might come from voting for Brett Kavanaugh when so many Democrats in these states know what's on the line with this nomination.

Brian Fallon: So, we're gonna be releasing those findings later this week. It will be in service to this overall goal of spotlighting the need to whip the vote, unite the Democrats as quickly as possible, but more than any polling results, the number one thing that will make a difference to these Democratic Senators that we need to unite more quickly in opposition is hearing from all of you. So, thank you for all the work that you've done so far, and please continue to light up those phone lines in the weeks to come.

Brian Fallon: Ilyse?

Ilyse Hogue: Thank you so much Brian. I just really wanna underscore a couple things that Brian said, which is that there are a million reasons to vote against this guy from the record we don't know. And if you need one more, the fact that McConnell
and Grassley are purposely withholding literally hundreds and thousands of documents that would give us even more insight into his position, is fundamentally preventing any elected official from doing their highest duty in serving our country in making the most important decision they will ever make in their career where the balance of the Supreme Court is in question. They fundamentally cannot do that duty, and the only patriotic thing to do is to vote no on Brett Kavanaugh.

Ilyse Hogue: That said, many of these people ... many of these people, you know, we've been talking about what are they hiding with the documents? We have to start talking about why are they hiding, because they came off a 10 day recess, and literally three Republicans out of 51 held any kind of public event. So, all that amazing work so many of you all did, speaking truth to power on the healthcare fight, they prevented you from doing that because they wouldn't even show up in front of a crowd because they don't wanna have to face you all before this vote.

Ilyse Hogue: So, what's our remedy to that? We partnered with MoveOn and NARAL and 58 other organizations including almost everyone, if not everyone on this call, to hold a 50 state Day of Action, Unite for Justice, next Sunday, August 26th, where we flood the streets with the singular message that is vote no on Kavanaugh, or we vote you out, this is the beginning of where we take back power. There are events in every single state, and what we need is to drive up the energy. The events are gonna be amazing. There's gonna be voter registration. There's gonna be speakers talking about what Kavanaugh does. There's gonna be music. There's gonna be opportunities to send postcards to bring messages to DC for the hearings when hundreds and hundreds of women are planning to come for hearing week.

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Ilyse Hogue: So, we really need you to commit right now to join our Unite for Justice Day of Action. So, if you will commit right now to join a local event on August 26th, please press 1, right now. And we're gonna let you guys know the numbers before we get off this call. So, if you can commit right now, right now, to join a local event on August 26th, please press 1. If you will set an alarm right this minute to remember to call your member of Congress on August 20th, which is tomorrow, and tell them to vote no on Kavanaugh, press 2 right now. So again, if you will set an alarm to call your member of Congress, remember to call your Senators, tomorrow on August 20th ... and I'm from Texas so I don't want anyone saying, "It doesn't matter if my Senator doesn't listen to me" ... this is an all hands on deck moment to remind them that they work for you, not Trump or McConnell. So, press 2 now if you are committed to calling your Senator tomorrow, and press 1 now if you will commit to joining an August 26th Day of Action event in your local community.

Ilyse Hogue: We need to send these Senators back to Washington D.C. to take the most consequential vote of their career with all of our voices ringing in their ears. All
right, with that, I now have the distinct pleasure of introducing a phenomenal activist, a phenomenal voice for the progressive movement, Tracey Corder, the Racial Justice Campaign director for Center for Popular Democracy.

Ilyse Hogue: Tracey, take it away.

Tracey Corder: Hi everyone. Thank you for that beautiful introduction.

Tracey Corder: So, for the last seven weeks, I've been on the Be A Hero tour, which is from California to Maine with my colleague and dear friend, Ady Barkan. Ady was diagnosed with ALS two years ago, and the tagline for our tour was, "I May Be Dying, But I'm Not Going Silently."

Tracey Corder: So, in December of last year, as we talk about confronting members of Congress, Ady was on a place with Senator Jeff Flake, asked him to vote his values or at least what he espouses his values to be, and promised if he did so he could be a hero. So, of course you know that Jeff Flake chose to vote for the tax scam, and proceeded to put Ady Barkan in jeopardy.

Tracey Corder: So, our tour went across the country, hearing stories of values, human dignity and shared humanity. We talked healthcare, economic justice, and racial justice, and of course what a Kavanaugh appointment would mean to all of those things that we hold dear. We did that in 21 states and 32 congressional districts. And whether we were at a Veteran's Breakfast in Reno, Nevada, or a community meeting in Detroit, our message was the same and I think that is really important. Our message is a winning one. And when we focus on the freedom to thrive no matter where you are and where you live, that's what wins.

Tracey Corder: We know that Kavanaugh as a Supreme Court Justice threatens that freedom. Our D.C. staff of the Be a Hero tour was an anti-Kavanaugh rally, coordinated through CPD Action, and that was on August 1st. Our team, who have been on the road, were joined by activists from all over the country, including Virginia, Maryland, Arkansas, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, and Ohio.

Tracey Corder: And so, we began to rally, both Ady and Kristin Mink spoke. For folks who don’t know Kristin, she's a personal hero of mine. She's the woman that bird dogged Scott Pruitt and told him to quit his job, all with her baby on her hip, because we know the mamas get it done.

Tracey Corder: So, we got word that Kavanaugh had a series of meetings planned in the Senate Building, so we occupied the hallways outside of the offices of several of those Senators. Folks told personal stories because we know this is a personal fight. We sang songs and led chants, and that resulted in several of his meetings either being postponed or canceled, most notably, at Senator McCain's office and then Senator Heller from Nevada's office. We had a group of about 600
people who participated in this rally, and then we had a smaller group do D.C. afterwards.

Tracey Corder: As I reflect on the time that I spent on this amazing cross-country tour, which was really life changing, I'm also reminded of the words of Angela Davis, which is, "We must act as if we can radically transform the world, and we must do it all the time." So, my charge to you is to think big in your fightback. For some of us, that means talking to our own family. And for some of us, that means going out and knocking on doors and organizing our communities. And so, I say that we do all of that and more because the current times demands it of us.

Tracey Corder: So, the next steps from CPD Action, along with other amazing partners, you heard from Brian say that we have those hearings starting right after Labor Day, so we will be in D.C. the first week of September as those hearings are happening, so please be on the lookout for that. And as we continue to talk about making sure people are voting our way, the Be A Hero Fund started a fundraiser for Susan Collins' future opponent, so if she votes no on Kavanaugh, everyone who donates will get that money refunded. But if she votes yes, then whoever is her opponent in 2020 will have a nice chunk of money to start their campaign. So, be sure to check that out online.

Tracey Corder: Thanks. Peace out.

Ilyse Hogue: Thank you so much Tracey. I don't know if the rest of you were watching on one of the many live streams during that action on August 1st, but I was traveling and had to watch on live stream rather than be outside, and I was so unbelievably moved by that entire action and everything that people did. So, thank you from the bottom of heart, and thank you from, you know, for my children and their future.

Ilyse Hogue: Next up is an amazing, amazing organizer, who I think many of you already know. But, you are in for a treat. And you will now get the opportunity to hear from Gabby Andrade, who is the regional organizing director from your very own MoveOn.org. Go for it, Gabby.

Gabby Andrade: Thank you. Good evening my dear friends. Thank you all so much for being here with us tonight. Before I get started I want to just quickly shout out and thank
our partners on this call, like the Center for Popular Democracy; People’s Action; Daily Kos’ The Working Families Party; and 350.org; as well as the amazing organizations we have represented on the call tonight. NARAL. National Women’s Law Center. Demand Justice. And [inaudible 00:24:44]. Thank you all so much for being here.

Gabby Andrade: All right, so, as you heard previously on the call, we are in the middle of the fight for our lives. And we know that we can influence the outcome of where the Supreme Court is headed, and we can help keep our communities safe if we’re successful in ending GOP control of the House in November. We are, as of today, 79 days away from election day, and if we demonstrate massive constituent engagement between now and then, we can pressure Democrats and Republicans alike to not fill the seat until the people have a say in who represents them in Congress.

Gabby Andrade: One way that you can do that is by being involved in our Resist and Win program. MoveOn has been busy this summer, training up hundreds of volunteers and they’re incredible. But they’re all over 100 competitive Congressional districts. And they’ve been learning how to organize their communities in the fall. Most of you live either in or near one of those districts, and so you really have an opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

Gabby Andrade: So, starting on September 8th, Resist and Win leaders will be organizing our first big wave week of action and their candidates’ campaign offices. Now, if you haven’t heard this term yet, volunteer waves are a [inaudible 00:26:06] where dozens of MoveOn members and community members and allies, volunteer together at the campaign office of our endorsed candidates to talk to voters, to highlight key progressive issues and values, to demonstrate our independent progressive power, and of course to help our candidates win.

Gabby Andrade: So, not only is September 8th the kickoff for our volunteer waves, it’s also the same weekend that thousands of cities across the globe will be taking action for our climate while the Global Climate Action Summit in California is happening. And we have a speaker coming up who will say more on this later in the call.

Gabby Andrade: So, this first wave weekend, which again is on September 8th, will be our climate voter action theme wave, where you can team up with other folks in your community that are also seeking climate justice. So, let’s take another quick poll. I want to know who here on this call can say right now that they will be there to volunteer at a wave event to talk to voters and to help end GOP control of the House. So, I’m going to ask you to press 1 on your phone if you want to attend a volunteer wave on September 8th or 9th with fellow MoveOn members, whether that is going door to door, whether that’s phone banking or texting voters to get them to the polls. Press 2 on your phone if you’re willing to go an extra mile and actually host a volunteer wave in your community, and mobilize your community members to do voter contacts together. Of course, if
you choose to do that, MoveOn will be with you every step of the way. We'll offer you materials, coaching, and everything you need to be successful.

Gabby Andrade: So again, press 1 if you would like to attend a wave. Press 2 if you would like to host a wave, and our organizers will follow up with you with next steps on how to do that. Let's see. Wow, amazing. That's incredible. That's really inspiring, y'all. There's literally hundreds of you that have said you're willing to be there on September 8th and 9th, and take action to help end GOP control of the House. That's really inspiring. Thank you all so much. Like I said, we'll follow up with you and follow up with next steps. In the meantime, if you want to learn more, go to MoveOn.org/wave.

Ilyse Hogue: Fantastic. Thank you so much, Gabby. You know, I sometimes get asked like what keeps me going, especially in times like this when it just seems like we're careening from crisis to crisis. But being on the phone, hearing all of these amazing organizers and watching how readily all of you amazing people out there are responding to the moment and committing to do even more is precisely what keeps me going day to day.

Ilyse Hogue: The final speaker of the call is someone is an unbelievably inspiring organizer, who makes all sorts of connections in everything that we're fighting, and is someone I'm really, really proud, every single day, to be in the trenches with. Welcome to the call, Antonio Diaz, organizing director for PODER.

Antonio Diaz: Hello everyone. It's great to be here with all of you on this inspiring call. As you've heard, Kavanaugh is bad on so many issues that we care about. Well, he's also pretty bad on the issues for the environment, health and climate. As a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court, he repeatedly opposed the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate power plants, toxic chemicals, and greenhouse gases. He actually wrote about the importance of the EPA to consider corporate profits instead of the environment.

Antonio Diaz: Voting him in this position would be a huge threat to community health and our climate. We know that a worse climate has major implications for immigrants and communities that are targeted by law enforcement and xenophobia. As the climate gets worse, we're going to see more militarization and targeting of black and brown communities, and militarized orders that stop people from moving freely to escape violence and poverty. At a time when there are so many attacks, and I mean this literally, but also through wrong headed policies, on immigrants, LGBTQ, and Muslim communities, we can't let Trump rollback a century of progress on human rights. And this includes our right to clean air, water, and a healthy and livable environment.

Antonio Diaz: That's why in addition to fighting this Kavanaugh nomination, we'll be rising up together for a global Day of Action on climate, jobs, and justice on September 8th, that was previously mentioned. Across the globe, communities will be rising
for real climate leadership and calling for renewable energy feature that is free from fossil fuels and provides good jobs and justice to all communities.

Antonio Diaz: Already there are more than 500 events in 63 countries planned, on every continent and region. These include dozens of events in the Pacific Islands, women-led marches against the fossil fuel industry in Thailand, and climate solution summits in areas heavily impacted by climate change in Senegal, South Africa, and Nigeria. Dozens of events will be fighting the Kinder Morgan Pipeline in Canada, and several events in Eastern Europe will be pushing for 100% renewable energy.

Antonio Diaz: In the US, there are around 200 events that bring together community groups, labor groups, and environmental organizations, and everyday people to fight for the local solutions that we know we need. At the main event, the anchor event, that's happening here in San Francisco, we'll see tens of thousands of people marching in the street, led by indigenous people and the survivors of the fires that have ravaged the state. And we'll be painting the biggest street mural the world has ever seen on the streets of San Francisco. So, on September 8th, we will be rising.

Antonio Diaz: So, for the last poll for this evening, I wanna ask you if you will take part in the Global Day of Action for climate, jobs, and justice on September 8th. Press 1 if you'll go to riseforclimate.org and find an event near you. So, if you go to riseforclimate.org, you can find an event that's happening right in your backyard or close to it, and please join us to rise for climate. If you press 2, you can let me know if you'll attend the anchor action here in San Francisco. We're counting numbers, wanna make sure we have a sense of all the folks that will be joining us so, press 2 if you'll be joining us at the anchor action here San Francisco.

Antonio Diaz: See you on the streets. Thank you.

Ilyse Hogue: Fantastic. Thank you so much, Antonio. You are just a phenomenal organizer and everyone on the call spoke so wonderfully to everything that's in front of us, so we are really thrilled to have had such an incredible lineup on speakers, and we are now going to open it up to you guys for questions and answers.

Ilyse Hogue: Just a reminder, press *3 to ask a question, and we'll turn it over to the first questioner, who is ... sorry ... so I'm gonna go to Vicky from North Carolina. Vicky Ryan from North Carolina, you are live.

Vicky Ryan: Hi. My question is, I have for my representatives are McHenry and Tillis, and they never listen, and if you tell them that you’re gonna vote them out, they know better because North Carolina is very gerrymandered. To get them out is gonna be almost impossible. And I wanna do something that will actually help besides calling them. That's like talking to Trump's wall.
Ilyse Hogue: Thank you, Vicky from North Carolina. I know how you feel. As I mentioned earlier in the call, I am from Texas, and it can certainly feel that way. We do recommend that you call anyway. They are counting calls. But as someone from a deep red state that often feels like it's never gonna turn blue, we really don't want to end there. We have to remind ourselves that as much as what we're doing in these states is for public accountability and telling a story about how these elected officials are not doing the job that they were hired to do, which is why being in the streets in North Carolina ... we have a fabulous action going on there on August 26th ... is crucially important. And even ... even if you can't do that, take pictures of yourself with signs that say why you oppose Kavanaugh, and tag them on social media. This is a real moment of accountability. And so, absolutely call, but do the visible things that also remind your friends and your neighbors in North Carolina that you are fighting, and when you all fight together, that's what makes the impossible possible, and that's what starts to turn the tide in North Carolina, even ... and I relate to you, Vicky ... even if it's gonna take longer than in other parts of the country.

Ilyse Hogue: So, thank you so much for asking the question. And next, we are going to go to Ann [Gorjink 00:36:17] in Unionville, Connecticut. Ann, you are live. I think. Ann?

Ann G.: Hello?

Ilyse Hogue: There you are.

Ann G.: Yes, I am questioning where the Democrats are at with their quest to find out about the lies that Kavanaugh has told in his previous testimonies.

Ilyse Hogue: Mm-hmm (affirmative). That is a great question. Thank you, Ann. Don't know if we've found ... Brian Fallon, are you still on the phone? Not sure if Brian could stay on the whole time-

Brian Fallon: Yes.

Ilyse Hogue: Yeah, you wanna take that question?

Brian Fallon: Sure. So, that's a great point that's been raised because Brett Kavanaugh came before the Senate in 2006 for his current job that he's in as a D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals judge, which is considered the second most important court behind the Supreme Court. And when he testified in 2006 for the benefit of some people that may not know the context for the question, he was asked by Dick Durbin in the open hearing what the nature of his involvement was in detention policy debates that were huge, and this objective so much organizing by MoveOn and others during the Bush years.
Brian Fallon: And he basically said he had nothing to do with it. And it turns out that about a year or so later after he was confirmed to his current job on the D.C Circuit Court of Appeals, there was some reporting that came out by the Washington Post that exposed that, in fact, he had sat in some highly contentious meetings with Dick Cheney and others, where some of the most critical decisions on detention policy during the Bush Administration were debated. And at that time, Dick Durbin sent a letter to Brett Kavanaugh saying, "How does these reports that have come out from the Washington Post square with your testimony to me in 2006?" And Brett Kavanaugh basically never replied. And so, Dick Durbin has said that he looks forward to the hearing on September 4th because he's gonna ask him the questions that Brett Kavanaugh never answered in writing about the misstatements that he seems to have made from his 2006 hearing.

Brian Fallon: And then I'll just add one other thing. We learned this week that there was at least one other potential lie that Brett Kavanaugh told. There was a very contentious judge that had ... that was put up for nomination by the Bush Administration during the time when Brett Kavanaugh was working in the White House Counsel's Office, and also at that 2006 hearing, he was asked, "Hey did you have anything to do with this judge that was ... Judge Pickering, that was up for a nomination to a federal judgeship?" And he said, "No, not really." And then in the limited subset of documents that have come out in the last two weeks, because as Ilyse laid out, the Senate Republicans have basically been snowballing the Democrats and not seeking most of the documents from Brett Kavanaugh's time in the White House ... so just in the small set of documents that did get turned over? We learned that Brett Kavanaugh was deeply involved in the consideration of Judge Pickering's nomination for the federal court. So, that's at least two mistruths that Brett Kavanaugh's been caught in. And I suspect that there are probably more, and that's probably a big reason why they're holding back so many documents from his time in the Bush White House.

Brian Fallon: So, that's among the many things that he's gonna be held to account for during the hearings. Those two misstatements from his 2006 hearing, which of course was an appearance that he made under oath, so the consequences of him having lied to the Senate in 2006 are extremely serious.

Ilyse Hogue: That's great. Thank you so much, Brian. And thank you for that very, very important question. Next we're gonna go to Michelle in Woodland. Michelle in Woodland, you are live.

Michelle: Hi. My question is I've ... obviously ... I'm from California, which is a very blue state. What can I do ... where are my efforts best placed? Should I be calling my Senators even though I know that they're going to be voting against Kavanaugh? Should I still be calling them? And is there something else I can do-
Ilyse Hogue: Yeah, that's an excellent question Michelle, and we're really glad you were able to ask it for all of the folks ... well, not so many. Not as many as we like. But for the folks out there that do have blue state Senators who have already committed to voting no on Kavanaugh. The answer is absolutely you still must get out in the streets on August 26th. All of this goes to the national landscape and backdrop against which this vote will be taken, right? We've gotta raise the volume nationwide, which means in California, we gotta blow it all out of the water because everyone expects California to do the right thing. So, that's number one. Flood the streets on August 26th.

Ilyse Hogue: The second thing is yeah, call your Senators. Right? Yes, we do believe 100% that Kamala Harris and Diane Feinstein will vote no, but their volume and the way they lean into this fight directly comes from what they're hearing from their constituents about how important it is for them to get feistier, for them to pull out all the stops because if our champions aren't fighting as loud and as hard as they can, which comes from hearing from you guys, then everyone else kinda lags behind that. So, they are the high water mark, and they need to hear from you that you want them every single day thinking about everything they can do to be louder on stopping Kavanaugh.

Ilyse Hogue: And then the third thing is, after you do all of that, certainly with NARAL, I think with MoveOn, but I don't wanna speak for MoveOn, we have opportunities once that's done for folks from those blue states to call into purple and red states to other members, patch them through to their Senators so that we're making sure that we're pumping up the volume everywhere. So, three different ways you can help if you're in a blue state, and I really, really appreciate that question.

Ilyse Hogue: Next, we are gonna go to Christopher in Englewood, New Jersey. Christopher, you are live.

Christopher: Good evening, and thank you so much for taking my call from the great mighty Garden State of Englewood, New Jersey. Totally Democratic. And my question is, as an advocate for people with special needs, I am deeply concerned about Kavanaugh's role in the Supreme Court turning back the rights of people with special needs. And, how will we, as individuals with special needs, make our Senators aware that a vote for Kavanaugh could be a vote that could spell disaster for our rights as human beings with special needs, including those on the autism spectrum disorder?

Ilyse Hogue: Thank you so much for the question, Christopher. And absolutely, the community of activists with special needs have been so transformative in the past two years under Trump. I think I'm gonna turn that over to Tracey because I know a lot of the work that Tracey's been doing has focused on some of these questions. Tracey?
Tracey Corder: Hi. Thank you for that question. I think it's really doing what you're doing, joining calls like this, and then joining movements in your neighborhood and in your community, that are lifting your voice. Making sure that when you go into offices, they are censuring your voice. And then going to folks, if they're not, and, you know, hitting me up. I'll leave my contact information. I can continue to connect people to our affiliates throughout the country, and being part of those grassroots groups and making sure that your voice is Senators rights.

Ilyse Hogue: Thank you so much, Tracey. And I think we have time for one more question. And why don't we go to Pat Smith from Maryland? Pat, you are live.

Pat Smith: Hi, yes. I was wondering where I go to get a good list of talking points on both the Kavanaugh issue and the climate action?

Ilyse Hogue: Fantastic. Great question to wrap up the call, from Pat. I can tell you that www.uniteforjustice2018.com has some great resources on Kavanaugh. But I'm also gonna hand it over to Gabby from MoveOn. Gabby? All right, I'm not sure if we have Gabby anymore. So, go to uniteforjustice2018.com, but you can also go to NARAL.org. I'm sure MoveOn has some great talking points. And one of the things that I've been doing because it's really interesting is getting on Medium, and just reading what ordinary people are writing about Kavanaugh. So, if you get on Medium and search for Brett Kavanaugh, there's a wealth of information about all of this guy's out of the mainstream positions, his extreme views, his just to review his deep antipathy towards Roe versus Wade, which is supported by the vast majority of Americans, including 53% of Republicans. His deep commitment to holding the President above the law, wanting to be the nail in the coffin of the Special Counsel. It's all out there.

Ilyse Hogue: Before we stop, I just wanna remind everyone. We have everything we need to win this fight. We have a very unpopular nominee who's taken very extreme position on principals and issues that are extremely popular across this country, with the majority of Americans. And we have a bankrupt and corrupt process that everyone knows is cheating. Americans don't want this guy. They don't want his extreme views hoisted on us. And we only have to move one Republican Senator, and hold all the Democratic Senators to make history and secure the opportunity ... and that's all it is. We all know this, right? The opportunity to continue to fight against this tyrannical administration and not have lost the Court for generations.

Ilyse Hogue: So, I wanna tell you, whether you live in a red state or a blue state; whether you think your Democratic Senators don't need to hear from you or your Republican Senators won't listen, now is a moment to suspend disbelief. Suspend disbelief that they won't listen to you, to really dig deep and believe in our own ability to turn the tide of history. And even, even if we were to fall short, we would never regret leaving it all on the field because all of this organizing to stop Kavanaugh simply is a fight for our values, a fight for our future, a fight going into
November, that gets our people riled up and demonstrates now out of touch the right wing that has hijacked our country is.

Ilyse Hogue: So, commit to dig deeper; commit to do actions that are visible; commit to talking to your friends and family and community members about what hangs in the balance for the next three weeks because together we can and will make history.

Ilyse Hogue: So, thank you so much. There are thousands of people tonight who have committed to take this action, and we are deeply committed to walking arm and arm with every single one of you, as long as it takes to fight for justice, dignity and equality in this country. Thank you to all of our partners. Thank you to MoveOn. Thank you to Gabby and Antonio and Brian and Tracey and Anna. It's been an honor to be here with you all tonight.