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MFV Reaction to President Donald Trump's SCOTUS

Nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The following is a statement from Ben Monterroso, executive director of Mi Familia Vota:

"The power of the Supreme Court goes beyond partisanship. The Supreme Court Justices hold the future of this country and its people in their hands. The Supreme Court is a lifetime appointment and Justices should uphold equal treatment under the law for all and not any political party's agenda. We need only remember the hearts broken by the split *United States v. Texas* decision, that indefinitely halted implementation of the expansion of DACA and DAPA, to know what is at stake.

"President Donald Trump promised he would nominate a Supreme Court Justice to replace Antonin Scalia that would be true to Scalia's approach to the law. He has found that in Judge Neil Gorsuch. His record shows outright hostility to a woman's right to choose, and his appointment would threaten important protections for clean air, clean water, workers, and safe food and medicine that we all depend on each day.

"Latino families support stronger protections for workers and our children deserve someone who would hold accountable corporations polluting our air and water. The most important question we can ask ourselves about Judge Gorsuch at the end of the day is whether he will be impartial and fair and use his power as a Supreme Court Justice to serve as check to the radical actions undertaken by Trump. Will Judge Gorsuch uphold the U.S. Constitution or will he simply follow Trump's lead?

"The American people deserve a full and fair process to determine whether Judge Gorsuch is the right candidate to fill the bench. We are confidant that if our Senators perform an independent and thorough evaluation of Judge Gorsuch, their findings will show he is the wrong choice for the Supreme Court."

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