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always been the determination of the American people and the checks and balances written into the Constitution. Over the past several months, we have seen the checks and balances in action, as the courts have provided a check on the president time and again. What's troubling now is the shift in the makeup of the courts; most significantly, the shift in the highest court of all. In my view, the president is loading the Supreme Court up with far-right conservatives who are hostile toward landmark decisions, like *Roe v. Wade*. First, the president was able to push through the confirmation of Justice Gorsuch. Now, the president has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh. After learning more about his record, I believe it should give even far-right conservatives pause. His record on women's reproductive health care and health care in general would arguably deliver the biggest blow yet to all of us who fought for the Affordable Care Act. If appointed, he could be the deciding vote on rolling back protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions. As a member of Congress who has advocated for stricter privacy, I am alarmed by what I would describe as a complete disregard for the Fourth Amendment and privacy. He sided with the government, allowing for the collection of information about who you call without a warrant - and his history of anti-privacy opinions doesn't end there. Further, I'm also alarmed by his views on presidential power and his belief that the president should be immune from criminal investigations. Now more than ever, it's critical that the Supreme Court serve as a check on the presidency and ensure our nation's laws are applied fairly and without exception. Like with Gorsuch, I expect Kavanaugh would fall in line with a Trump agenda. Although the nomination process only goes through the Senate, I'll continue to be vocal in my opposition to Brett Kavanaugh. The courts shouldn't be a political arm of the president; they should be independent, full of integrity, and objective. 1 If this newsletter was helpful, please sign up to receive them more regularly [here](#). In addition, please feel free to connect directly with me. If you'd like to get in touch, you can [email me](#) any time, [call](#) one of my offices, or send me a note through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#). I look forward to hearing from you! Sincerely, Jared Polis, Representative

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