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This letter was sent to Senators Barrasso and Enzi using their online contact forms on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, with no letterhead.

Dear Senator:

We may be a lone voice, but we ask you to consider not rushing the Supreme Court nomination process. It is too important to hurry. We make mistakes and overlook issues when we rush—it's human. All American citizens, including the nominee, deserve a careful, thoughtful course of action.

In addition, inconsistencies undermine the public's faith in the process and the groups executing it. Columnists have traced political parties' attempts to undermine or change traditional customs stretching over decades. This should stop. We need a court that the public respects, that appears to be, and is above party and politics. Let that respect begin to return here.

A Supreme Court vacancy lasted over 300 days in 2016. The average confirmation process takes 68 working days. The proposed 2020 Senate schedule on the Senate website shows fewer than 50 weekdays remaining in the year. That's not time do an adequate job of confirmation.

Almost 800,000 people applied for unemployment insurance this past week. The September jobs report shows recovery is slowing with millions still unemployed. Renters are in danger of eviction. Some landlords are not able to meet their mortgage payments. COVID-19 continues to spread, and the death toll is more than 210,000. Our country has a number of burning issues crying for solutions—appointing a justice, a decision lasting a life-time, can wait. Establishing confidence in the Supreme Court with a thoughtful, deliberate process is a worthy long range goal, but dealing with this week's and this past six months' emergencies should be your first priority.

Also, justices do not always vote the way their nominating presidents expect. People may share a faith without sharing each article of it. We want justices to be independent, thoughtful, and smart. Each nominee deserves the credit and consideration a thoughtful process brings with it.

Sincerely,

/s/

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