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**LDF Sends Letter to Mitch McConnell and Charles Schumer
Denouncing Consent Packages to Fast-Track Judicial Nominees;
Urges Senate to End Use of Consent Packages
that Fast-Track Judicial Nominees**

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) sent a letter to Senator Mitch McConnell and Senator Charles Schumer denouncing the use of a “consent package” to confirm a group of 19 judicial nominees with one vote. Consent packages fast-track judicial nominees and allow the Senate to bypass their due diligence. Nearly a dozen of the nominees currently being advanced failed to unequivocally affirm that the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* was correctly decided. The critical 1954 case struck down the “separate but equal” doctrine that upheld segregation in the United States and laid the foundation for equality and many of the civil rights gains in this country.

“Hastening the appointment of judicial nominees is alarmingly irresponsible and a shocking affront to the Senate’s Constitutional responsibility to advise and consent,” said Lisa Cylar Barrett, LDF’s Director of Policy. “Moreover, 11 of the 19 nominees being advanced have failed to affirm *Brown vs. Board of Education*, a matter that should immediately disqualify the nominees. It is imperative that the Senate fully vet each and every nominee to ensure their ability to be fair and impartial before confirming them to a position which will impact the lives of citizens for generations.”

Read the full letter [here](#).

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