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### **Civil Rights Groups Demand Supreme Court Vote Delay**

*NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Urban League, National Action Network, NAACP & National Coalition on Black Civic Participation Urge Citizens to Contact Senators*

A coalition of civil rights groups – including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Urban League, National Action Network, NAACP and National Coalition on Black Civic Participation – today released the following statement in response to Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy’s pending retirement:

“The only just and responsible option for the U.S. Senate at this moment is to delay any vote on confirming a replacement for Justice Kennedy until after a new Congress is seated.

“This is an extraordinary time in American history, which calls for extraordinary measures. The Senate is divided by a single vote. The need for a strong system of checks and balances has seldom been greater.

“During this time of escalating crises, citizens must have the opportunity to decide who will advise and consent to the nominee of a deeply divisive Chief Executive.

“We call upon all citizens of good conscience to contact their U.S. Senators at (202) 224-3121 and demand that the incoming Senate be given the opportunity to vote on confirmation of the next Supreme Court justice.”

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*Founded in 1940, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) is the nation’s first civil and human rights law organization and has been completely separate from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since 1957—although LDF was originally founded by the NAACP and shares its commitment to equal rights. LDF’s Thurgood Marshall Institute is a multi-disciplinary and collaborative hub within LDF that launches targeted campaigns and undertakes innovative research to shape the civil rights narrative. In media attributions, please refer to us as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund or LDF.*