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LDF Releases Statement on Latest Allegations Against Brett Kavanaugh

Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), released the following statement in response to the latest allegations of sexual assault against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh:

“It is inconceivable for Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation process to continue in light of the latest sexual assault allegations brought against him in a sworn statement. As if the credible stories of Christine Blasey Ford and Deborah Ramirez were not enough to raise grave doubts about Judge Kavanaugh’s past conduct and current credibility, the new allegations brought by Julie Swetnick depict a person totally unfit to serve on the nation’s highest court. If these allegations are untrue, Judge Kavanaugh should himself seek a full FBI investigation to clear his name. That investigation should be thorough and careful, and should proceed at a pace set by the FBI, not by political leadership in the Senate. If Judge Kavanaugh is unwilling to publicly request such an investigation, then he should be prepared to withdraw his name from consideration for a seat on the Supreme Court.

“Any effort to confirm Judge Kavanaugh prior to the completion of a full FBI and investigation and thorough review by the Senate Judiciary Committee would damage the reputation of the Senate and the integrity of the Supreme Court for generations to come.”

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