

The Valley Patriot

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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

This week the Senate Judiciary Committee will go into session to begin the hearings and formal process on the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. Ms. Barrett is a very impressive woman, as we are all aware. However I never truly understood her brilliance until reading an advance copy of her opening statement. Below is a small excerpt from what will be Ms. Barrett's opening statement:

Justice Scalia taught me more than just law. He was devoted to his family, resolute in his beliefs, and fearless of criticism. And as I embarked on my own legal career, I resolved to maintain that same perspective. There is a tendency in our profession to treat the practice of law as all-consuming, while losing sight of everything else. But that makes for a shallow and unfulfilling life. I worked hard as a lawyer and a professor; I owed that to my clients, my students, and myself. But I never let the law define my identity or crowd out the rest of my life.

problem or right every wrong in our public life. The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches elected by and accountable to the People. The public should not expect courts to do so, and courts should not try.

That is the approach I have strived to follow as a judge on the Seventh Circuit. In every case, I have carefully considered the arguments presented by the parties, discussed the issues with my colleagues on the court, and done my utmost to reach the result required by the law, whatever my own preferences might be. I try to remain mindful that, while my court decides thousands of cases a year, each case is the most important one to the parties involved. After all, cases are not like statutes, which are often named for their authors. Cases are named for the parties who stand to gain or lose in the real world, often through their liberty or livelihood.

When I write an opinion resolving a case, I read every word from the perspective of the losing party. I ask myself how would I view the decision if one of my children was the party I was ruling against: Even though I would not like the result, would I understand that the decision was fairly reasoned and grounded in the law? That is the standard I set for myself in every case, and it is the standard I will follow as long as I am a judge on any court.

Think very hard on what you have just read and are about to hear. This is a woman, who understands what the role of a judge should be. That it is not the court's place to solve every wrong in society. This is exactly the type of statement and judicial philosophy that we should be looking for in a Justice. And the fact that she writes her decision for how the loser of a case may feel shows that this woman has true compassion for those coming to her court. Ms. Barrett understands that it is her job to apply the law equally and fairly, but that one must remember that we are all human beings with a stake in what her decision will be.

Rumor is that Senator Kamala Harris will be avoiding the hearings. Given her subpar performance at the VP Debate, it is the smartest thing they can do, to keep her away from public view. Ms. Harris is a very unlikable person - who at times has issues with the truth.

Onto other business.

As a long time GOP/Conservative volunteer, I have long believed that the Party needs to do a better job of showing appreciation for those who do the hard work needed to get candidates elected. No candidate for public office, from the local to the federal level, can get elected without a good volunteer group. With that being said, I am and have been for weeks now taking suggestions for volunteers who have gone out of their way to receive special recognition from the 6th District Committee. If you know someone who has been out there knocking doors, or making phone calls, or been a one man/woman sign brigade,

know. And the more detail you can give to me about the volunteer the better.

Also pleased to announce that a new Young Republican Group - the North Valley YR's, have formed. The official charter was finished last week, and officers have been selected. The Officers are as follows:

Chapter Chair Kyle Ford

1st Vice Chair Kyle Gutshall

2nd Vice Chair Matt Spiker

Secretary Stephanie Burgin

Treasurer Ricky Neff.

We all should be excited to see that this new group of patriots has formed and want to do the hard work needed to save our Republic and save our Commonwealth.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to each of you for all the hard work you are doing, and are going to do. It is only with your help that we will take back Virginia!

I remain your servant

S John Massoud

6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

October 12 - Warren County GOP Rally - Community Center located at 538 Villa

October 17 - Page County 2A Team Meeting - Cooters in Luray Va. Start time 6 PMs

October 18 - Botetourt Ham Dinner - Bailey Wick Farm, 1737 Old Fincastle Road, Fincastle Va. Start time is 6 PM. Email me for more details.

October 20 - Rockbridge GOP Meeting - County Administration Building 150 S. Main Street Lexington Va.

October 20 - Augusta GOP Meeting - County Administration Building - Verona Va. Start time is 7 PM.

November 1 - Shenandoah County GOP Trump Caravan. Arrival time is 2 PM - Strasburg Food Lion - join us in a caravan to drive to New Market in support of Donald Trump.

November 3 - Election Day. Even though early voting has skyrocketed as compared to previous years, please remember that many thousands will be voting on the 3rd also. Man your precincts, get your people out to vote, and help drive our supporters to the polls and to victory on November 3. If you know of someone who wants to vote early but can not - please be a good friend and drive them to the local registrar's office so they can exercise their constitutional right to vote.





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