



September 14, 2018

Senator Richard Shelby
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shelby:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, including the Southern Poverty Law Center with more than 5,000 supporters in Alabama, we write to express our strong opposition to the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's troubling record on protecting the rights of the most vulnerable in our society convinces us that he is not suited for a lifetime appointment to the Court. Our concerns about him have been exacerbated by his seeming lack of candor during the confirmation process. We urge you to vote against his confirmation.

Alabama is a state that knows well the historical importance of the federal judiciary and of independent judges such as Frank M. Johnson Jr. when it comes to enforcing and protecting the civil rights of the least among us. Judge Kavanaugh is certainly not cut from the same mold as Judge

and frisk” power.³ In *United States v. Askew*, the police conducted a “stop and frisk” search that