



Sen. Jeff Flake Leading the Charge to put Judge Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court

As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Flake will be a leader in the effort to successfully confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the late Justice Antonin Scalia’s seat on the Supreme Court. From the moment President Trump announced the nomination, Sen. Flake has been a fierce advocate for Judge Gorsuch, lauding his opposition to judicial activism, his support for religious freedom, and his commonsense Western sensibility. Next week, Sen. Flake and the rest of the Judiciary Committee will begin a series of hearings to ultimately advance Judge Gorsuch’s nomination to the entire Senate for a confirmation vote.

JUDGE GORSUCH’S KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Respect for the law and commitment to service
- Brings geographical diversity to the Supreme Court with Western background
- Believes separation of powers is a central principle of the Constitution
- Defender of originalism and religious freedom

SEN. FLAKE’S WORDS OF SUPPORT

- *“Judge Gorsuch is an accomplished, mainstream jurist with a judicial philosophy worthy of Justice Scalia’s seat. We can be confident that he will read the law as written and not attempt to legislate from the bench.”*
- *“Judge Gorsuch doesn’t make the law. He follows the law. He reads the Constitution as the Framers understood it. He interprets laws the way they were written.”*
- *“As someone who embraces limited government, it is a privilege to support and confirm a judge like Neil Gorsuch who supports this philosophy.”*
- *“I believe Judge Gorsuch is a mainstream jurist who will uphold the Constitution to ensure justice for all, regardless of an individual’s religious beliefs or which administration is in power. As someone who embraces religious freedom, it is a privilege to support and confirm a judge like Neil Gorsuch who respects this central constitutional principle.”*
- *“I’ve said it before and I will say it again: Judge Gorsuch deserves fair consideration by those who serve in this body, and he deserves an up-or-down vote here on the Senate floor. He should be confirmed overwhelmingly.”*

SENATOR JEFF FLAKE’S REPORT CARD	
ORGANIZATION	GRADE
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION	A*
NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION	A
NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE	99%
AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY	98%
CLUB FOR GROWTH	97%
CITIZENS AGAINST GOV. WASTE	96%
FREEDOMWORKS	95%
AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION	94%

*consistently

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ICYMI: *THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC* – ARIZONA SEN. JEFF FLAKE PRAISES SUPREME COURT NOMINEE NEIL GORSUCH AFTER FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

By Dan Nowicki

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Sen. Jeff Flake met face to face Wednesday with Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's choice for the Supreme Court, and emerged from the session a firm supporter of the nominee.

Flake, R-Ariz., sits on the influential Senate Judiciary Committee, giving him a key role in Gorsuch's confirmation proceedings.

In an interview with *The Arizona Republic* and azcentral.com, Flake praised Gorsuch's judicial philosophy and temperament. In the 30-minute meeting, the two also discussed a couple of cases that Gorsuch was involved in, including cases touching on the issue of "religious freedom."

"He's an originalist, and I told him I appreciated his many resolute statements about the difference between legislators and judges," Flake said. "He has, obviously, a great appreciation for that difference."

While Flake described Gorsuch's philosophy as "pro-life," Flake said he is confident Gorsuch will follow the law with regard to abortion rights.

"If you want to read some of the best writing you'll find on the intrinsic value of life, read some of things he's written on assisted suicide and euthanasia," Flake said. "He wrote a book on the subject. Just very thoughtful."

After the meeting, Flake's office released a brief video showing Flake greeting Gorsuch and former Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., who is helping Gorsuch navigate the Senate confirmation process. In the video, Flake shows Gorsuch and Ayotte a picture of the Flake family. Then he and Gorsuch chat about Colorado, where Gorsuch is from.

Flake predicted that Democrats will have a tough time stopping the confirmation because he said Gorsuch's professional and personal life doesn't give them much ammo to use against him.

"When you hear what the Democrats and those who are opposing him are saying, it's just overall direction of the court or Trump naming him," Flake said. "They're having a hard time pointing to opinions (that are problematic). They'd rather just put it in political terms."

Many Senate Democrats and party activists continue to fume over Senate Republicans' treatment of Merrick Garland, who President Barack Obama, a Democrat, nominated last year for the Supreme Court seat vacated by the Feb. 13 death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

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