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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The allegations raised by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford against Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh are serious, and therefore, I appreciate that the Committee has invited Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh to testify publicly and under oath before the Judiciary Committee.

I respectfully recommend that you invite the attorneys retained by Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh to pose questions during the hearing. Dr. Ford's attorney would be permitted to question Judge Kavanaugh, and Judge Kavanaugh's attorney would question Dr. Ford. Each would be permitted equal time to do so before Senators began their round of questions. Such an approach would provide more continuity, elicit the most information, and allow an in-depth examination of the allegations.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator