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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

On behalf of the American Public Health Association, a diverse community of public health professionals that champions the health of all people and communities, I write to express our opposition to the pending confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. The attached [background document](#) highlights several of Judge Kavanaugh's key public health-related decisions and positions and we urge you and your colleagues to carefully review his record in these areas as you consider his pending confirmation.

The next appointed justice to the Supreme Court will likely play a pivotal role in the outcome of important decisions related to critical public health issues that come before the court, and as such their judicial record should be rigorously examined. We are deeply concerned by many of Judge Kavanaugh's views and previous decisions related to public health.

This document outlines Judge Kavanaugh's positions and rulings on key public health issues including those that threaten the Affordable Care Act, Clean Air Act protections, access to contraceptive coverage and other reproductive health care and efforts to prevent and reduce gun violence. As you meet with him both individually and during any Judiciary Committee meetings related to his pending confirmation, we urge you to question him about his record and views on these critical issues.

Thank you in advance for your attention to the important public health issues that are at stake as the Senate considers Judge Kavanaugh's pending confirmation. If you have any questions regarding our position on his pending confirmation, past decisions and views, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georges C. Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Georges C. Benjamin, MD  
Executive Director

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer