

THE SUPREME COURT MATTERS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES EVERYDAY- KAVANAUGH CONCERNING DECISIONS ON CIVIL RIGHTS, EDUCATION AND PRESIDENTIAL POWER

Who is Judge Brett Kavanaugh?

Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. This means he is a federal judge who reviews decisions made by other courts and then decides if they made the right decision. His record raises big concerns for people with disabilities. Judge Kavanaugh has been nominated by President Trump to serve on the Supreme Court.



Serious Disability Concerns in Judge Kavanaugh's Record

- **Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws**
Congress has passed civil rights laws to help stop discrimination. Judge Kavanaugh has made many decisions that would make these laws weaker. His rulings have also made it harder for workers, voters, and people with disabilities to use our rights.
- **Presidential Power**
The President has to follow all of our laws, even if he doesn't like a certain law, just like everybody else. Judge Kavanaugh has said that the President should get to choose which laws to follow. That is very dangerous. If the President didn't like an important law that impacts people with disabilities, like the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Judge Kavanaugh would say that the President could just ignore it. Ignoring the law would hurt people with disabilities.



- **Education**

Education is very important to the disability community. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) says that all students with disabilities have a right to a Free and Appropriate Education. But Judge Kavanaugh has a long history of advocating for vouchers, if an individual uses a voucher they give up their protections under the IDEA, and there is more of a chance that an individual with disabilities will not get the supports that they need.

If Judge Kavanaugh joins the Supreme Court, he could make decisions about these laws and many others. How Judge Kavanaugh thinks about these laws will have a huge impact on the lives of people with disabilities. His decisions could change how people with disabilities are able to live, learn, and work in the community.

What Can I Do?

Your Senators decide if Judge Kavanaugh is the right person for the Supreme Court. Visit, write or call to tell them what you think is important in a Justice. Tell them if you are worried about Judge Kavanaugh's record. You can learn more about Judge Kavanaugh's record and read statements from disability groups at the Kavanaugh resource pages from the [Bazelon Center](#) and [Center for Public Representation](#). For more tips and tools, please use [ASAN's toolkit](#) about how to call, write or visit your member of Congress.