





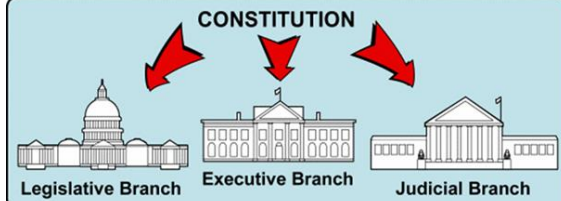



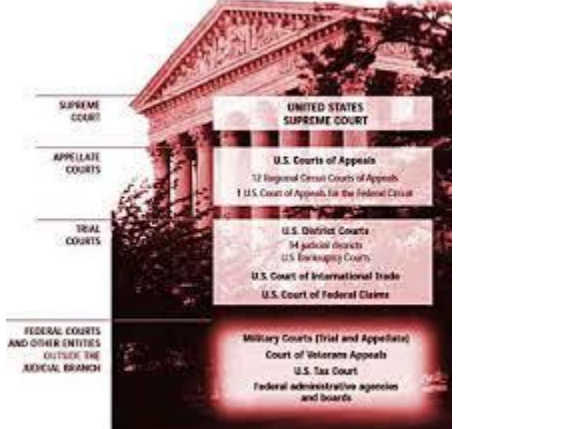



ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS ON DISABILITIES

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## Issue

 A portrait of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and tie, smiling slightly against a blue background.		Nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh
 A photograph of the United States Supreme Court building, a large neoclassical structure with a prominent portico supported by columns, set against a clear blue sky.		to the Supreme Court of the United States.



## Background



 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">    </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Legislative Branch</b>    <b>Executive Branch</b>    <b>Judicial Branch</b> </p>	<p>The Government of the United States has three branches: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.</p>
 <p><b>SUPREME COURT</b></p> <p><b>APPELLATE COURTS</b></p> <p><b>TRIAL COURTS</b></p> <p><b>FEDERAL COURTS AND OTHER ENTITIES OUTSIDE THE JUDICIAL BRANCH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>U.S. Courts of Appeals</b> 12 Regional Circuit Courts of Appeals 1 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>U.S. District Courts</b> 94 Judicial Districts 15 Bankruptcy Courts U.S. Court of International Trade U.S. Court of Federal Claims</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Military Courts (Trial and Appellate)</b> Court of Veterans Appeals U.S. Tax Court Federal administrative agencies and boards</p>	<p>The Judicial Branch is a system of courts that makes sure our laws follow the Constitution.</p>
	<p>The Supreme Court is the highest Court.</p>
	<p>Presidents (Executive Branch) have the power to nominate Supreme Court Justices.</p>
	<p>The Senate (Legislative Branch) has the power to confirm judges.</p>

Disability Rights Concern



	<p>Disability and civil rights groups</p>
	<p>believe that Judge Kavanaugh should not be confirmed.</p>
	<p>His past work shows that he does not understand civil rights for people with disabilities.</p>

*Doe ex rel. Tarlow v. D.C.*

	<p>Three women with intellectual disabilities from Washington, DC,</p>
	<p>had surgeries they didn't want.</p>

<p><b>SELF DETERMINATION</b></p> 	<p>The women wanted self-determination.</p>
	<p>Judge Kavanaugh's ruling said that people with disabilities don't have the right to make up their own minds about their bodies.</p>

Action Steps

	<p>Sample:  I am &lt;Name&gt; from &lt;State&gt;. As a person with a disability, self-determination is important to me. I am worried about Judge Kavanaugh. The way he ruled in the Doe case does not protect my rights. Please learn more about this. Please protect my civil rights.  Thank you</p>
	<p>Call your Senators at (202) 224-3121</p>



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