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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

To the Members of the U.S. Senate:

President Donald Trump has fulfilled his Article II, Section 2 constitutional responsibility to nominate Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the vacant seat on the Supreme Court. Judge Barrett is highly qualified jurist and would make an outstanding associate justice. Her background demonstrates just the kind of fortitude and judicial restraint that the American people expect from their courts.

In her review of Randy Barnett's "Our Republican Constitution," Judge Barrett strongly defended originalism in interpreting the Constitution and of the law: "The measure of a court, then, is its fidelity to the original public meaning, which serves as a constraint upon judicial decision making. A faithful judge resists the temptation to conflate the meaning of the Constitution with the judge's own political preference; judges who give into that temptation exceed the limits of their power by holding a statute unconstitutional when it is not."¹ Judge Barrett continued: "The Constitution's original public meaning is important not because adhering to it limits judicial discretion, but because it is the law. And because it is the law, judges must be faithful to it."²

President Trump's strong record of choosing federal judges has been transforming our nation's courts to a more originalist and Constitution-based system as it was always intended. It is our fervent hope that Judge Barrett will bring that same judicial philosophy to the Supreme Court to interpret the law as it is written and intended, protecting individual freedoms as enumerated in the Constitution from legislative, executive or judicial tyranny.

We urge the Senate to move rapidly on this nomination and to confirm Judge Barrett before the election.

Sincerely,

Richard Manning
President
Americans for Limited Government

¹ https://scholarship.law.nd.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2330&context=law_faculty_scholarship

² Id.