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**Attorney General Wilson Joins 20-State Coalition
Urging Senate Confirmation of Judge Gorsuch to Supreme Court**

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson today joined a 20-state coalition in urging Senate leaders to confirm the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The coalition expressed its support in a Wednesday afternoon letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley and Senate Judiciary Ranking Member Patrick Leahy.

The letter urges the Senate, including Sen. Tim Scott and Sen. Lindsey Graham, to confirm Judge Gorsuch without delay.

"Judge Gorsuch is a well-qualified jurist and is a firm defender of the constitution and the rule of law," said Attorney General Wilson. "He firmly believes that judges should base their decisions on the law and the constitution, rather than their own feelings or preferences. I am hopeful the Senate will act quickly and confirm Judge Gorsuch as the next Supreme Court justice."

President Trump, in nominating Judge Gorsuch, fulfilled a promise to nominate a jurist who shared the late Justice Antonin Scalia's commitment to interpreting the Constitution as it was originally written.

The coalition believes Judge Gorsuch is particularly well-suited to enforce the Constitution's limits on federal overreach and protect the role of individual states. Federal agencies have consistently overstepped the bounds of their authority under the Constitution, to the detriment of the states, during the past eight years.

The Senate previously confirmed Judge Gorsuch with broad, bipartisan support to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The coalition's letter finds no reason why a jurist of such immense qualifications should not receive prompt confirmation once again.

Those signing the letter were state attorneys general from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Read a full copy of the letter here.

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