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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NOMINATES BRETT KAVANAUGH TO SUCCEED JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY ON THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) warns of human rights rollbacks under Trump's SCOTUS nominee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Monday, President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy. Kavanaugh is Trump's second nomination to the Supreme Court, following the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch in April 2017. Kavanaugh's nomination reflects a continuation of Trump's dedication to politics over law, and solidifies his promise to appoint judges that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* "automatically," jeopardizing privacy and other rights that are currently protected under *Roe*. In his dissent in *Garza v. Hargan*, Kavanaugh argued to prevent an undocumented minor from accessing abortion care, a constitutionally protected right. He also previously ruled in favor of the harmful Anti-Prostitution Loyalty Oath (APLO) in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which required U.S. organizations receiving U.S. global HIV funds to adopt an organization-wide policy opposing sex work.

In response to Kavanaugh's nomination, Serra Sippel, President of the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), released the following statement:

"Kavanaugh has a record of favoring political outcomes over legal reasoning and human rights, which puts the health and lives of women and others in the U.S. and overseas at risk. The APLO is an egregious speech restriction, and data show that the APLO has a detrimental effect on U.S.-funded global HIV programs. Kavanaugh's nomination threatens to further undermine access to life-saving HIV treatment, prevention, and other health care around the world."

"Given the ongoing investigation into gross legal irregularities in the Trump campaign and White House, Trump's move to nominate a radical justice who has expressly stated that a President is immune from criminal and civil investigation is a gross abuse of power. The constitutional rights of women and girls—as well as the rule of law—depends on the rejection of this unfit and corrupt nomination."

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About CHANGE

CHANGE (www.genderhealth.org) is a Washington, D.C.-based women's rights organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights as a means to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by shaping public discourse, elevating women's voices, and influencing the U.S. government.

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