
From: wskratt@gmail.com on behalf of Wendy Skratt <w@skratt.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:10 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Nomination of Auden Grogins

Dear Senator Coleman, Representative Tong and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write you today to request your support for Auden Grogins in her confirmation as a CT Superior Court Judge. I've heard that there is an effort to denounce her based on her support of the 2013 gun safety legislation. No vote on a single issue should be taken as a litmus test for a judgeship. Grogins is eminently qualified for this position. She has twenty-four years of experience as an attorney, representing clients in a host of areas of civil and criminal litigation. She also served six years on the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly where she was exposed to all issues related to the judicial system and criminal justice matters.

I've been to gun related hearings. I realize that the gun lobby is able to turn out a lot of in person supporters and generate a lot of noise when it comes to pursuing their cause. And this nomination is likely no exception.

I am writing to remind you of the thousands of people that I know in Stamford and throughout Connecticut that support gun safety and who are just as exercised about pursuing it as the other side is about fighting it. We voted based on this issue. The only Republican to lose their seat this year did so (in Stamford) because he did not support gun safety. Please stand up for us in Hartford and make sure that our voices are heard amongst the voices that are bussed in by Cabela's and other gun lobby organizations. Stamford is a long drive from Hartford. It is difficult for people to take a day off their work and childcare responsibilities to be there in person. That does not mean that we are not speaking up just as loudly for gun safety. Do not let an excellent candidate for a judgeship be brought down because she voted for public safety. If Congress could see fit to confirm Vivek Murthy for Surgeon General, surely this confirmation can pass too.

Thank you,
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