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NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference is Extremely Disappointed in US Senator Pat Toomey

On National Voter Registration Day comes the very disturbing news that Senator Pat Toomey intends to side with President Trump and House Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in moving forward with submitting a nominee to fill the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We have barely had time to mourn her death when the same party that was intentional on not following through with their responsibilities in 2016 to fill the vacant seat of Antonin Scalia, now feels an urgent need to propose filling the vacancy in less than a week of the seat vacated by Justice Ginsburg.

Although Senator Toomey announced his decision to rubber stamp the proposed action of President Trump, we encourage all who want to take time to honor the legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to contact Senator Toomey at 202-224-4254 and urge him to reconsider his intended action and instead reflect on the fact that a nomination should not be made nor a confirmation process rushed because of the upcoming election which is approximately 40 days away, but rather a nomination should only be made and confirmed after very careful consideration of how that nominee may be fair, independent, and has the desire to continue to pursue hard fought progress in civil rights.

There is far too much at stake to rush and fill this vacancy now. Contact Senator Pat Toomey today to notify him of your feelings toward his decision. Let him know your position. The Senate is urged not to accept a nomination prior to the election. The ramifications of such action could be a travesty.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization with a mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Pennsylvania State Conference was established in 1934 and pursues the same mission throughout the Commonwealth.