

# **DEMAND JUSTICE**

## *INVESTIGATING THE RIGGED KAVANAUGH CONFIRMATION PROCESS*

Last year's confirmation process for now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh was a sham, and House Democrats must immediately begin the work the Senate should have done last year.

- 1. The House must launch a full investigation into the credible sexual assault allegations made against Kavanaugh and the truthfulness of his testimony regarding them.**
  - Sexual assault is an act of violence. It's a serious crime that must not be overlooked, much less rewarded with a lifetime appointment to a powerful position.
  - Kavanaugh's testimony during the Christine Blasey Ford hearing did little to uncover the truth of the allegations while raising serious questions about his honesty and judgment.
  - The House should call the dozens of witnesses who came forward but were ignored by the FBI. It should also look into the coordinated responses by the White House and Republican allies, and Kavanaugh's testimony regarding them. The American people deserve to know the truth.
  
- 2. The House must investigate the FBI's severely limited investigation into the sexual assault allegations made by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Ms. Deborah Ramirez.**
  - The White House directed the FBI to conduct an impossibly narrow investigation instead of seeking the truth. The FBI spent less than one week interviewing only ten people regarding the sexual assault allegations, even though dozens of other witnesses offered to speak.
  - The House should exercise its oversight responsibilities to determine who dictated the terms of the investigation and with whose input.
  
- 3. The House must request and review Kavanaugh's complete record from his tenure in the George W. Bush White House for evidence of perjury or improper bias.**
  - There is overwhelming evidence that Kavanaugh lied repeatedly during his 2004, 2006, and 2018 testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, often about his work on controversial issues such as abortion, marriage equality, and the war on terror.
  - The House must obtain his complete record, including from his tenure in the Office of Independent Counsel and his five years in the George W. Bush White House, so it can determine whether he committed perjury or engaged on issues that should require his recusal.
  
- 4. The House must investigate the partisan, short-circuited process Republicans used to obtain and review Kavanaugh's records from the George W. Bush White House.**
  - Under Republican direction, the Senate requested and reviewed only a small fraction of Kavanaugh's records, and what it did receive was provided by a partisan lawyer instead of by the nonpartisan professionals at the National Archives. When Senate Democrats sought to request the complete records on their own, they were categorically denied.
  - The House should use its oversight powers to determine why this process was so broken.
  
- 5. The House must investigate Kavanaugh's questionable finances and improbable explanations.**
  - Kavanaugh reported a sizable personal financial debt in 2016, but that the debt had disappeared by the time he filed his 2017 financial disclosure statement. The White House offered a preposterous explanation, claiming it was spent on baseball tickets.

- The House should use its investigative powers to demand answers about Kavanaugh's unexplained debt and its abrupt repayment.