

Template Letter to the Editor

President Obama recently fulfilled his constitutional duty by nominating Judge Merrick Garland, a federal judge with impressive credentials, to fill the vacant seat on the US Supreme Court. Republican senators, however, continue to ignore history and precedent and refuse to provide advice and consent on his nomination.

As a member of the women's legal community in _____, I have a deep understanding of the importance the Supreme Court plays for women and their families. Women come to the courts when we've suffered sex discrimination at work or at school, when states try to take away our constitutional rights to make personal and private decisions about our health and reproductive rights, and when there are threats to important economic, health and safety protections.

The Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution and laws that affect the legal rights of women and girls influence us for generations. It's critical for the Court to be in full force, doing its job for everyone across this country.

Republican Senators must stop playing politics with this vacancy. Judge Merrick Garland, a person of distinction and impeccable credentials, deserves to be considered expeditiously and fairly by the Senate with a hearing and up-or-down vote.