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**STATEMENT ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S VOTE
ON JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH**

September 28, 2018, Chicago — Yesterday, many Americans watched in disbelief and horror as Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee lauded Judge Brett Kavanaugh — just hours after Dr. Christine Blasey Ford gave credible, painful testimony about the horrific sexual assault that is permanently seared in her memory.

“One in six American women have been the victim of a rape or attempted rape in her lifetime,”* says Claire Delaney Shingler, WMC’s executive director. “Yet, with the increased likelihood that Judge Kavanaugh *will* be confirmed to sit on the highest court of the land, American women now face the harshest of realities. Our leaders neither believe nor understand our pain. Instead, they value partisan politics above personal accountability.”

The committee will vote on the nomination today at 12:30 p.m. (cst). In solidarity, women and their allies will gather at Federal Plaza, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago *and* across the nation at 12 p.m. (cst) to peacefully and loudly say “NO” to Brett Kavanaugh for SCOTUS. Today’s Chicago rapid action is co-hosted by Women’s March Chicago, Indivisible IL, CWTA, Cause the Effect and other organizations and is part of a national collective action.

Facing one of the most anti-women administrations in recent memory, women and allies will continue to make their voices heard beyond today. We will once again converge on Grant Park for March to the Polls 10.13.18, as we begin to vote in record numbers for pro-women candidates in the upcoming midterms.

Says Shingler: “Women are fully engaged and will continue changing outcomes at local, state and national levels.”

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