

Far from the seat of governmental power in Washington D.C. we feel the impact of decisions made by the men and women who are supposed to conduct business in the interests of those they represent. This past week, we kept an eye on happenings in our nation's capital. Most of us followed the Senate hearing to determine whether Bret Kavanaugh would be elevated to the Supreme Court. We listened to Dr. Ford's testimony and to that of Judge Kavanaugh. We heard the discussions that took place among the judiciary committee members. Probably, although there are still unanswered questions and issues that have not been resolved by the Senators on the committee, I would guess that most of us have made up our minds about the fitness of Bret Kavanaugh for this high position.

I know that I have. I hope that women who have been the victims of any kind of sexual assault will have the kind of support that has been sadly lacking in our country where male privilege has been a cornerstone of our society. I also hope that eyes will be opened—in schools and in homes—about the dangers of allowing unsupervised mixing of young people and alcohol. And the whole culture of the entitled wealthy needs to be examined closely. All of these issues are important when a position as powerful and supposedly as respected as that of a Supreme Court Justice is being considered.

But, I did not need to know any of this to be fully convinced that Bret Kavanaugh does not have the qualifications or the personality to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. We all know that we have liberal judges and conservative judges and some that are "swing voters." But, we do not have blatant statements of vitriol and accusation against one political party as well as actual conspiracy theories put forth by candidates for the Court. Kavanaugh was very clear in his angry diatribe. He would not be an impartial judge in any situation. He lied under oath about several issues, did not answer questions candidly and honestly and was confrontational. This was a job interview. He failed. He does not belong on the Supreme Court.