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## **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY WELCOMES THE NOMINATION OF A TESTED FRIEND OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH**

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Christian Legal Society (CLS) welcomes the nomination of a tested friend of religious freedom, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to serve on the United States Supreme Court. As our Nation celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, it is particularly fitting that a Supreme Court nominee be someone who has demonstrated a keen appreciation for the importance of its role in protecting all Americans’ religious freedom.

Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a real commitment to protecting citizens’ religious speech. CLS’ Center for Law and Religious Freedom’s primary focus for four decades has been to safeguard all Americans’ right to express their religious beliefs and values in the public square. Adding yet another strong voice for freedom of speech to the Supreme Court is a very positive development.

Judge Kavanaugh’s private life further demonstrates that he understands and values the important role that religious organizations play in American society as they minister to the needs of the most vulnerable in their communities. His practical experience and appreciation of the contributions to American civil society made by diverse religious congregations and religious organizations across our nation is a valuable asset for a justice to bring to the Court.

Christian Legal Society and its Center for Law and Religious Freedom believe that Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination exemplifies the federal government’s renewed commitment to respect and uphold every American’s religious freedom and freedom of speech. In a time of increased willingness by some to deny their fellow Americans the right to live according to their religious conscience and to express their religious beliefs in the public square, such a renewed respect for religious freedom is heartening.

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### ***About Christian Legal Society:***

*The Center for Law & Religious Freedom, the advocacy ministry of Christian Legal Society, defends and advances all Americans’ inalienable rights to religious freedom and life in the public square. For forty years, the Center’s mission has focused on the protection of religious freedom and the sanctity of human life in the courts, legislatures, and the public square. The Center pursues a pluralistic vision of a free civil society that respects all Americans’ religious freedom and free speech. The Center also believes that strengthening international religious freedom depends on Americans’ robust commitment to domestic religious liberty. To that end, the Center works with organizations across the political and religious spectrum to defend religious freedom, freedom of speech, and the sanctity of human life.*