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GOP Candidates Who Want to Overturn *Roe v. Wade* See Kavanaugh as Their Chance

Washington, DC — Today, Brett Kavanaugh will sit before the U.S. Senate for his confirmation hearing. Donald Trump has made clear that his Supreme Court nominee would “automatically” overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court case that affirmed the constitutional right to access abortion in this country. It is telling that, with this criteria, he chose Kavanaugh. Just last year, he ruled to limit access to safe, legal abortion.

Candidates running for office in 2018 who want to ban abortion have rushed to support Kavanaugh’s nomination. They all have one thing in common — hostility toward *Roe v. Wade* and a woman’s right to make her own health care decisions.

Quote from Kevin Griffis, Vice President of Communications, Planned Parenthood Votes:

“Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination to the Supreme Court puts our constitutional rights, including access to abortion, on the line. It’s no surprise that the same candidates who have been working to ban abortion have lined up to support him. They all have the same backwards vision to block women from making their own, personal health care decisions. That’s not going to fly this November. We’re running our largest midterm election program ever to educate voters about what’s at stake in the Supreme Court and mobilize them to vote these politicians out of office.”

Martha McSally: GOP Senate Candidate in Arizona

- On Kavanaugh: “President Trump has selected a [highly qualified nominee](#)...I will work with the president to confirm conservative, qualified nominees who will protect our values.”
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- On *Roe*: She denounced *Roe v. Wade*, saying that “[we have just gone in such the wrong direction](#)” on access to safe, legal abortion.

Rick Scott: GOP Senate Candidate in Florida

- On Kavanaugh: “[I am glad President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh](#)...”
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- On *Roe*: “[I believe that abortion is wrong and *Roe versus Wade* should be overturned](#).”

Ron DeSantis: GOP Governor Candidate in Florida

- On Kavanaugh: “The president made a [good choice](#). It’s clear Kavanaugh is a constitutionalist.”
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- On *Roe*: DeSantis would [ban abortion](#) at six weeks, which is before most women know they’re pregnant.

Bill Schuette: GOP Governor Candidate in Michigan

- On Kavanaugh: “[Great decision](#) by President Trump selecting Brett Kavanaugh.”
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- On *Roe*: Schuette has [clearly stated](#) that he supports abortion bans even in cases of rape or incest.

Dean Heller: GOP Senator Running for Reelection in Nevada

- On Kavanaugh: “Judge Kavanaugh has a [record of adherence](#) to the Constitution and has demonstrated a commitment to interpreting the law – not making it.”
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- On Roe: Dean Heller [wants to see Roe v. Wade overturned](#), and has [voted](#) to ban abortion and criminalize doctors who perform safe, legal abortion.

Adam Laxalt: GOP Governor Candidate in Nevada

- On Kavanaugh: Laxalt encouraged the Senate to “[expeditiously confirm Judge Kavanaugh](#).”
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- On Roe: Laxalt said he would “[look into](#)” reversing abortion rights in Nevada.

Mike DeWine: GOP Governor Candidate in Ohio

- On Kavanaugh: “I urge the Senate to act [quickly to confirm him before the fall term](#).”
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- On Roe: He believes *Roe v. Wade* was “[incorrectly decided](#).”

Jim Renacci: GOP Senate Candidate in Ohio

- On Kavanaugh: “Judge Kavanaugh is a thoughtful, experienced jurist who should [certainly be confirmed by the Senate](#).”
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- On Roe: Renacci would [ban abortion at six weeks](#), before most women know they’re pregnant.

Scott Wagner: GOP Governor Candidate in Pennsylvania

- On Kavanaugh: “I [support](#) the president’s pick.”
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- On Roe: When asked about whether he’s concerned *Roe* would be overturned, Wagner responded that he’s “[100 percent pro-life](#).” Additionally, Wagner [supports](#) a six-week abortion ban that would ban abortion before most women know they’re pregnant.

Lou Barletta: GOP Senate Candidate in Pennsylvania

- On Kavanaugh: “Judge Kavanaugh is well-qualified to serve on the Supreme Court and [the Senate should move to confirm him without delay](#).”
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- On Roe: Lou Barletta wants to overturn [Roe v. Wade](#). He has [worked](#) for [years](#) to [pass unnecessary](#) and [onerous](#) regulations to make it harder for women to get abortions.

Leah Vukmir: GOP Senate Candidate in Wisconsin

- On Kavanaugh: “Judge Brett Kavanaugh has the track record to become a [strong constitutionalist justice](#).”
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- On Roe: “[Disastrous](#).”

Scott Walker: GOP Governor Running for Reelection in Wisconsin

- On Kavanaugh: “Brett Kavanaugh is an [excellent nominee](#).”
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- On Roe: Walker [supports abortion bans](#) even in cases where the woman is the victim of rape or incest.

Jeff Johnson: GOP Governor Candidate in Minnesota

- On Kavanaugh: Johnson [tweeted](#) that Kavanaugh was a “great #SCOTUS pick”
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- On Roe: Johnson [pledged](#) to “sign a pro-life bill” should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned.

Karin Housley: GOP Senate Candidate in Minnesota

- On Kavanaugh: “I think he was a [very good choice](#).”
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- On Roe: Housley has rubber stamped the anti-abortion agenda, cosponsoring legislation like a license plate bill to funnel money to [bogus crisis pregnancy centers](#) and a voting for a variety of [unnecessary](#) and [onerous restrictions](#) on abortion access.

Brian Kemp: GOP Governor Candidate in Georgia

- On Kavanaugh: “He is a bright, well-qualified jurist who will serve our country well. [Praying for swift confirmation in the Senate!](#)”
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- On Roe: Kemp “[vowed](#) to sign the nation’s strictest abortion restrictions,” including a [six-week abortion ban](#).

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