

Statement
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Radical women’s organizations who claim to represent American women continue to insist that Judge Sam Alito make a pledge to uphold Roe versus Wade. Their anger intensifies when it becomes clear that he will not. Of course as the President the Susan B. Anthony List I couldn’t believe more strongly that their anger is nonsensical because it undermines women and children. But whether you are for or against abortion in our country, one has to reject the anti-democratic roots of their anger. Even while insisting on a “mainstream” nominee, abortion advocates are upset that they cannot extract a commitment from Judge Alito to continue the judicial damming up of mainstream, commonsense legislation to restrict abortion. Their fear is that the will of the majority on measures like Partial Birth Abortion, passed over and over by the Congress, and parental consent passed by about half the states, will prevail.

Polling of women consistently shows that women support commonsense measures like the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. A July 21st Quinnipiac Poll revealed that 77 percent of women support it.

I have no idea if Judge Alito is pro-life or pro-abortion, but I do know that he has a deep commitment to adhering to the Constitution and the rule of law, which precludes results-driven decision-making. This is clear in his decisions regarding abortion in particular – following the rule of law, he has come down on both sides of the matter.

Judge Alito is a champion for the cause of women because he has consistently and carefully adhered to U.S. Constitution and legal precedents. That Constitution protects women’s human and civil rights – our rights to speech, to organize politically, and have a voice in the laws that protect us and our families. The SBA List is not afraid of a full and fair debate about the merits of all sorts of commonsense restrictions on abortion. The more information the public knows about them, the better. Women do not need judges to silence debate regarding the most intimate issues affecting us. Given his track record, I have reason to hope that Judge Alito will not silence women’s voices on these matters. Women must be able to rely on the Constitution and rule of law rather than changeable personal opinion. Judge Alito, therefore, deserves our respect, a fair hearing, and an up or down vote by the full Senate.