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Senate Joint Resolution 33 Sponsor Statement

“Urging our United States Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor on all judicial nominations.”

[Senate Joint Resolution 33](#) respectfully requests the U.S. Senate move forward with President Bush’s judicial nominations.

Our U.S. Constitution provides the President with the power to nominate qualified candidates for federal judicial positions *with* the consent of the Senate. But, many of these nominations are currently being blocked through parliamentary delay tactics carried out by a minority of senators. This has created needless hardship within the judiciary branch of our government.

In fact, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified 24 judgeships as “judicial emergencies”. Many of President Bush’s nominees are intended to fill these seats. Furthermore, a majority of the United States Senate stands ready to approve these individuals. Nevertheless, they — and the judiciary branch they are to serve — remain mired in political limbo.

Senate Joint Resolution 33 requests the U.S. Senate move forward with these nominations thus allowing the judicial branch to function as the Constitution intended.