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STATEMENT: Why Courts Matter - PA Coalition on Nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court

PENNSYLVANIA – The Why Courts Matter - PA coalition made the following statement on President Barack Obama's nomination today of Judge Merrick Garland to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court:

"Today's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland is welcomed news. Judge Garland is eminently qualified and well respected on both sides of the aisle. He has more federal judicial experience than any other Supreme Court nominee in history. Now, Senator Toomey and his colleagues have an obligation to give this highly-qualified nominee a fair hearing. Pennsylvanians are sick and tired of the dysfunction in Washington. If Senator Toomey and his colleagues refuse to do their jobs and give Judge Garland a fair hearing, they are ignoring the overwhelming majorities of their constituents who know that considering Judge Garland's nomination is the right thing to do."

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Why Courts Matter PA is a coalition of organizations and advocates who have come together to ensure that our federal courts work to the benefit of all Americans in keeping with the core constitutional values of liberty, equality and justice for all. WCM-PA supports an appointment and confirmation process that identifies and provides timely confirmation votes for well-qualified nominees for federal judgeships who are dedicated to fairness and impartiality. [Learn more about WCM-PA here.](#)