Call Your Senators Today & Tell them to Vote No on Amy Coney Barrett

October 22, 2020 -- The Senate Judiciary Committee will vote this afternoon on Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Barrett's confirmation to the Supreme Court would pose a serious threat to the rights of people with disabilities. Judge Barrett has stated that she believes the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional. Millions of Americans with disabilities stand to lose their health care coverage if Justice Barrett becomes a deciding vote to strike down the law. If she is confirmed on the schedule currently set, she would join the Court in time to participate in the November 10th arguments in the case challenging the ACA. Please tell your Senators to vote no on her nomination!

If you live in one of these states, one or both of your Senators sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee and will vote tomorrow on the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont. Tell them to vote no!

The Affordable Care Act has been particularly important for people with disabilities. Its protections for people with pre-existing conditions, expansion of Medicaid, requirements for coverage of mental health services and habilitation services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, expansion of home and community-based services options, protections against disability discrimination, and expansion of the reach of mental health parity have been essential to the health, independence, and self-sufficiency of Americans with disabilities. Judge Barrett's hearing did nothing to allay concerns about her views on the ACA; she declined to answer all questions about those views.
Judge Barrett's record also raises other serious concerns for people with disabilities as well. For details, you can read the Bazelon Center's report on her record, and the letter that we and more than 50 other disability organizations sent to the Senate opposing her nomination.

To contact your Senator, call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 (voice) or (202) 224-3091 (tty) and ask to be connected to your Senator's office. You can identify your Senators here.