

GRAB YOUR PHONE AND DIAL NOW: NO ON FARR [UPDATE]

[NB: Check the byline – this is Rayne. Updates appear at the bottom of this post.]

Look, these Senate Democrats will explain why they will vote NO on Thomas Farr for federal judge better than I will:

Amy Klobuchar

Elizabeth Warren

Richard Blumenthal

Sherrod Brown

Kirsten Gillibrand

Cory Booker

Chuck Schumer says the Democrats are united and voting NO.

But here's the thing: *Shit happens*. People slide when they think they have cover, when nobody's watching.

CALL YOUR DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AND TELL THEM NO ON FARR.

You have a GOP Senator or Senators?

CALL THEM AND TELL THEM NO ON FARR because we are watching their votes closely when it comes to Trump's policies and nominees. We are watching for senators who aren't supportive of civil rights and voters' rights.

These GOP Senators are particularly at risk – if they don't retire – because they are up for reelection in 2020:

Dan Sullivan (AK)

Tom Cotton (AR)

Cory Gardner (CO)

David Perdue (GA)

Jim Risch (ID)
Joni Ernst (IA)
Pat Roberts (KS)
Mitch McConnell (KY)
Bill Cassidy (LA)
Susan Collins (ME)
Steve Daines (MT)
Ben Sasse (NE)
Thom Tillis (NC)
Jim Inhofe (OK)
Lindsay Graham (SC)
Mike Rounds (SD)
Lamar Alexander (TN)
John Cornyn (TX)
Shelley Moore Capito (WV)
Mike Enzi (WY)

MAKE THE CALLS RIGHT NOW – the Senate is supposed to invoke cloture any time now on Farr.

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ADDER – 1:30 PM EST – In case you're not up to speed on Farr's background and you don't want to listen to the Senate Dems' speeches linked above, here's a backgrounder by Ari Berman at Mother Jones. In a nutshell, Farr exemplifies everything wrong with North Carolina's politics – utterly racist and dishonest to boot.

UPDATE – 2:06 PM EST – Cloture was invoked; the vote is tight, forcing VP to cast the deciding vote. (Time stamp on tweet below is PST for some reason.)



Senate Cloakroom
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Invoked, 51-50: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #626 Thomas Farr to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina with @VP voting in the affirmative

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CALL YOUR SENATORS ESPECIALLY GOP ONES. Make them own this vote when they finally confirm Farr.

Treat this as an open thread.