Date : 8/26/2022 8:20:59 PM From : "Impeach Clarence Thomas (via MoveOn)" moveon-help@list.moveon.org To : "Anna Allen" anna.allen@g.fayar.net Subject : DELIVERED: 1.2 MILLION signatures to impeach Clarence Thomas

WATCH: MoveOn members deliver 1.2 MILLION+ petition signatures demanding that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas be impeached!

Dear MoveOn member,

We took your 1.2 million signatures to the Supreme Court. **MoveOn members joined together across the country to channel collective outrage into action by signing the MoveOn petition demanding that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas be impeached.** The momentum and support that this petition received was absolutely astounding: In the span of a little over two weeks, more than 1 MILLION MoveOn members added their names to the petition to impeach Justice Thomas.

Together, we sent a message to our members of Congress, and they took notice of our demands! On July 28, MoveOn members organized a petition delivery with more than 300 RSVPs in front of the Supreme Court with Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, Congressman Jamaal Bowman, MoveOn Executive Director Rahna Epting, MoveOn member Matthew Witten, and Demand Justice Senior Advisor Tamara Brummer from Demand Justice!

"We will not let Clarence Thomas and the illegitimate Supreme Court win and we will not back down. We know what we have to do: expand the court, set term limits, set age limits, and impeach Justice Clarence Thomas." This is part of what Congressman Jamaal Bowman's speech said at the petition delivery in front of the Supreme Court.

MoveOn members took action and signed the petition over five months. Justice Thomas has a clear history of outrageous, abusive, and immoral actions like his ties with Big Money's right-wing organizations and the fact that he was willing to use his power as a justice to conceal his wife's active role in Trump's white supremacist-led January 6 insurrection. And in spite of this, Justice Thomas participated in a case regarding Trump's records on January 6 and was the lone justice in an 8-1 ruling who wanted the White House to keep records hidden—including the texts from his wife that were revealed.¹

But that's not all: When the GOP-hijacked Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Thomas wrote a concurring opinion that Obergefell, Griswold, and Lawrence (the rulings that protect contraception, same-sex sexual intimacy, and marriage equality for the LGBTQ+ community) should be revisited next.² It's scary, but not surprising. This has been the Republican's plan all along.

<u>Check out a recap video of the petition delivery below, and keep reading to learn more about the people-powered campaign to impeach Clarence Thomas!</u>



The journey to garnering more than 1.2 million signatures on this petition was watched across the country. *Newsweek* covered the petition at several milestones! First, *Newsweek* wrote the first article about how, in just two days, 150,000 MoveOn members signed the petition. They wrote follow-up articles when the petition passed 230,000 signatures, then 300,000, then when it hit 700,000 signatures just one week after rightwing justices overturned *Roe*. They wrote another when it hit 1 million signatures three days later and when it hit 1.2 million signatures.^{3,4,5,6,7,8} *Newsweek* even reached out to both Justice Thomas and the Supreme Court for comment—ensuring your signatures were noticed at the very top.

Getting press on petitions is a huge way to bring awareness to campaigns, and it wouldn't have happened without us all coming together to demand accountability. And *Newsweek* isn't the only outlet that covered the petition. *The Hill, Black Enterprise*, Common Dreams, Truthout, Salon, Glamour, Business Insider, even TV news outlets, and many others reported on the petition, too!^{9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16} The momentum that we built together was impressive. Articles about the petition made it to the front page of Reddit TWICE, celebrities and influencers shared the petition on their social media platforms, and hundreds of TikTokers made videos about the petition! There is so much power in collective action.

Here are just a few of the amazing TikTok's shared by creators:

- <u>Click here to watch @theopinionatedqween's TikTok, which garnered more than 350,000 views and 73,000 likes.</u>
- <u>Click here to watch @blackkout</u>'s TikTok, which got more than 750,000 views and 203,000 likes.



Will you take one minute and share the recap video of the petition delivery to spread the word?

Together, with your signatures and the petition delivery, we made it clear: Republicans, who have won the presidential popular vote only once in the last 34 years, have engaged in a concerted effort to pack the Supreme Court with right-wing extremist judges who have stripped us of our rights over and over again.

In just the last few months, these extremist judges have ruled that states are required to fund private religious schools; to strike down a gun violence prevention law in New York; that if police fail to inform us of our Miranda rights, we can't sue them; and that border patrol agents can enter any home within 100 miles of the border with no consequences. ^{16,17,18,19} And Republicans have no intention of slowing down these attacks, so we have to lean into collective action and fight back together.

That's why Matthew Witten, a MoveOn mobilizer, travelled across states to come to D.C. and represent petition signers. Here's what Matthew had to say: "1.2 million of us say that enough is enough, and that it is time for some real accountability for this out-of-control, runaway court. A court that has taken away our rights, taken away our freedoms, and rolled back generations worth of progress. I've watched in dismay my entire adult life at the radicalization of the Supreme Court, with the appointment of one federalist after another completely unbalancing the court to a fundamentalist ideology from *Citizens United* to *Roe v Wade*."

Click here to share Matthew's message and spread the word about the petition delivery with your loved ones!



This is only the beginning of the fight ahead to expand and rebalance the Supreme Court, pass a binding code of ethics, set term limits for Supreme Court justices, and so much more. And if we keep working together and holding people in power like Clarence Thomas accountable, we can make it happen.

Thanks for all you do.

-Jensine, Nakia, Isbah, Justin, and the rest of the team

P.S. Did you miss out on the petition delivery with Congressman Jamaal Bowman and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar? Click here to check out the livestream on our Facebook page!

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