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Missouri State Rep. Juanita Walton is organizing state legislators and other officials to demand that the U.S. Senate reject Alito's nomination.

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Legislators Go on Record Against Alito Nomination

Missouri State Rep. Juanita Head Walton (D-81), joined by a group of other legislators and elected officials, issued the following statement on Jan. 19, 2006:

We call upon the Senate of the United States to reject the nomination of Federal Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. If need be, we call upon the Senate to conduct a filibuster to block his nomination. Mr. Alito is unfit to be a member of our nation's highest court in these "times that try men's souls."

Mr. Alito's views on race and women's rights are antagonistic to both the highest value of this nation, and to already existing Supreme Court rulings that guarantee protection of these basic constitutional rights.

Mr. Alito further disqualifies himself with his egregious support of the views of the Federalist Society, an institution with which he is publicly identified. The Federalist Society was created twenty years ago under the direct influence of ideas promulgated by Carl Schmitt, the Crown Jurist of the Nazi regime.

Mr. Alito openly supports the idea of the "unitary executive," which is the core dogma of the Federalist Society. This idea was originally known as the "Fuehrerprinzip" under the Hitler regime, and stated that the head of state can assert absolute power during periods of so-called emergency. The policies of the executive do not have to withstand the scrutiny of the Congress or the Supreme Court, and simply are the law. This policy has already been adopted wholesale by the Bush/Cheney Administration with their promotion of NSA spying, torture, and other abhorrent policies typical of dictatorships. This has brought our nation to the brink of totalitarian rule.

We stand with Democratic leader Lyndon LaRouche and others who denounce this policy and Mr. Alito. At a recent meeting in Washington, Mr. LaRouche challenged the Senate to reject Mr. Alito's confirmation. "I see strong men and women I've regarded as strong, in the Senate—flinching! When the issue is: Are you willing to defend this nation from a takeover by Nazism? The issue is not opinion, the issue is Hitler. And we can't have him here. Will they capitulate and let this Alito pass? If they do, the existence of this nation is in jeopardy. Everything hangs on it."

Therefore, we call upon the Senate to muster up the courage to reject Mr. Alito's nomination.

Rep. Juanita Walton—St. Louis, Mo.

Rep. John Bowman—St. Louis, Mo.

Rep. LaMar Lemmons III—Detroit, Mich.

Sen. Carlos Cisneros—Santa Fe, N.M.

Rep. Catherine Barrett—Cincinnati, Oh.

Rep. Thomas Jackson—Thomasville, Ala.

Rep. Esther Haywood—St. Louis, Mo.

Rep. Harold James—Philadelphia, Pa.

Rep. Arthur Turner—Chicago, Ill.

Rep. Christine Sinicki—Milwaukee, Wisc.

Sen. Joe Neal (former)—Las Vegas, Nev.

Mark Sweazy—President, UAW local 969, Columbus, Oh.

Rep. Earl Banks, Jackson, Miss.

Rep. Bryant Melton, Tuscaloosa, Ala.