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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES MUST HAVE PLAN FOR COMBATING HOSTILE COURT

Gillibrand, Harris, Warren “will not oppose” court-packing says Politico

In an NBC story today about court-packing and the Presidential race, reporters Benjy Sarlin and Lauren Egan write that with a few notable exceptions, “many 2020 candidates still haven’t weighed in on ideas like expanding or reshaping the court.”

Pete Buttgieg, Beto O’Rourke, and Andrew Yang, have spoken favorably, and according to a Politico piece today, Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, Elizabeth Warren, and Kamala Harris have all said they “will not rule out” court-packing.

Pack the Courts Campaign Manager **Kate Kendell** said of candidates who have not addressed court-packing:

““It is gratifying that a number of Democratic candidates have made clear that we must do something to reform the Supreme Court. However, we cannot allow other candidates to pretend they are serious about fighting for real change when faced with a Supreme Court who will block every transformative policy they seek.

“It’s not enough to lay out a bold agenda; anyone of these bright minds can do that. Real leadership in this climate demands that you have a strategy for success. Otherwise, the words mean nothing and nothing is exactly what will be accomplished. **So, we ask again, for every candidate, what is your plan for dealing with a hostile and reactionary Supreme Court?**”

Pack the Courts is a national initiative urging Democrats to add justices to the Supreme Court. Please visit www.packscotus.org for more information.

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