

## **David Porter -- Talking Points Memo For Office Visit with Senator's Staff or Email**

We're asking the Senator to vote against the nomination of **David Porter** for a lifetime judgeship on the federal appeals court (3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, covering Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware).

Back in 2014, David Porter's name was floated for the same federal appeals court. Porter's reputation in his own state is so bad that his Senator Casey (D-PA) disapproved his nomination. Activists in his state mobilized against the nomination and the idea was dropped. Now in 2018, the Trump administration has chosen to fly in the face of Senator Casey and many people in Pennsylvania, and nominated Porter for this judgeship again.

David Porter's record fits a far right conservative on all the major social issues. He is way outside the legal mainstream. He has a record

- Against the Affordable Care Act
- Against women's reproductive rights
- Against the Violence Against Women Act
- Against same sex marriage and LGBTQ equality
- Against environmental protection
- Against workers' rights

Porter is a trustee of Grove City College, a private religious college that turns down federal financial aid so that it doesn't have to comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of Title IX.

Porter is a contributor to the Center for Vision and Values, a conservative think tank that has advocated against protections for women, minority races, the LGBTQ community, and workers. The Center has even said the federal minimum wage is unconstitutional.

In 2013, Porter defended an anti-environmental law that would have opened up large areas of state forest to fossil fuel extraction. The court disagreed and ruled against him.

We're deeply concerned by David Porter's record of strongly-held, extremist positions. We believe he is unlikely to set aside his past commitment to this ideology and that he will be a biased and partisan judge. Porter's own Senator Casey (D-PA) and many people in his state oppose his nomination. We're asking the Senator to vote against Porter for this lifetime judgeship to the federal appeals court.

### **More Information:**

Full Report on David Porter, [Alliance for Justice](#)

Report on David Porter, [Vetting Room](#)

Objections to David Porter's Nomination, [People For The American Way](#)

Letter Opposing David Porter's Nomination, [National Employment Lawyers Association \(NELA\)](#)

Fact Sheet on Porter's Opposition to Women's Rights, [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#)

[David Porter Files](#), a website set up by local activists

"Trump judicial nominee plays dumb about his own past," [Salon](#)