

65 Women Come to Kavanaugh's Defense After Sexual Misconduct Allegations Levied

Sixty-five women who say they have known Judge Brett Kavanaugh since high school are coming to the Supreme Court nominee's defense after allegations of sexual misconduct were leveled at the judge this week.

On Thursday, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, announced she'd forwarded a letter from an anonymous constituent to the FBI reportedly alleging a decades-old incident involving Kavanaugh and a girl from high school.

Judge Kavanaugh, meanwhile, is emphatically denying the allegations.

"I categorically and unequivocally deny this allegation. I did not do this back in high school or at any time," he said in a statement Friday.

And in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Kavanaugh's 65 former classmates are throwing their support behind the 53-year-old nominee, insisting the charges are false.

"We are women who have known Brett Kavanaugh for more than 35 years and knew him while he attended high school between 1979 and 1983. For the entire time we have known Brett Kavanaugh, he has behaved honorably and treated women with respect," read the letter. "We strongly believe it is important to convey this information to the committee at this time."

Shortly after Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, announced the committee will vote on Kavanaugh's nomination next Thursday, Feinstein called for a delay, citing new information on the nominee.

Feinstein told Republicans she sent a letter to the FBI to review but did not show it to any Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans. According to Fox News, Feinstein received the letter in July from Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-California, but did not reveal it publicly until Thursday. {eo}

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