



November 9, 2018

The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Booker and Senator Menendez:

On behalf of more than 3.2 million Americans for Prosperity activists across all 50 states, we urge you to allow consideration of Paul Matey's nomination to the Third Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals to proceed by returning your blue slip to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Paul Matey is a fair, experienced, and extremely qualified attorney who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to upholding the Constitution, and who will interpret the law as written – not legislate from the bench. Facing a depleted federal court system rampant with judicial activism, Matey's restrained judicial philosophy fills a critical gap.

The blue slip process began as a century-old courtesy, but today it is being abused to delay the confirmation of qualified nominees for purely partisan reasons. Paul Matey deserves a fair hearing and an up-or-down vote. Americans deserve a fully functioning judiciary. Refusing to allow a hearing to proceed would be the epitome of blind obstruction.

In April of 2018, [CNN reported](#) that you were each reviewing Matey's credentials before making a decision. Senator Booker pledged to keep a "fair and open mind." We urge you to respect the American people with a fair and open process. Now is the time to put politics aside, submit your blue slips, and do the work that the people of New Jersey elected you to do.

Sincerely,

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