



SUSAN B. ANTHONY
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Dear Senator,

On behalf of our more than one million members from all 50 states, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America will score against confirmation of Julie Rikelman to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. We oppose her confirmation due to her role in arguing against life in both *June Medical Services v. Russo* and *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. In fact, pro-abortion litigation makes up the singular focus of her legal experience over the last decade and renders her unfit to serve as an impartial judge on the First Circuit.

Rikelman's career has been strictly centered around the radical, pro-abortion agenda for over two decades. She began working at the Center for Reproductive Rights in 1999 as Blackmun Fellow, returned to the organization as a senior staff attorney in 2011, and has served as litigation director for the Center for Reproductive Rights since 2012. In addition to arguing the pro-abortion side in the United States Supreme Court cases *June Medical Services v. Russo*, and *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Rikelman has worked to challenge the constitutionality of parental notification laws and informed consent laws. She has also led efforts to expand the dispensing of chemical abortion pills by calling for the FDA to permanently lift the risk evaluation mitigation strategy (REMS) protocols, claiming that leaving the REMS in place will "unnecessarily burden access to safe medication for abortion miscarriage care."

While arguing on behalf of Jackson Women's Health Organization in the *Dobbs* case, Rikelman tethered many arguments to her erroneous premise that abortion is necessary for women's equal participation in society. In 2017, Rikelman authored a piece published on SCOTUSblog titled, "Symposium: The First Amendment cannot justify lying to women," in which she falsely claimed that pregnancy care centers purposefully mislead, obstruct, and manipulate women. If nominated to the Court of Appeals, Rikelman would continue in her pursuit to expand and defend extreme pro-abortion policies, relying on these harmful beliefs rather than on Constitutional protections.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America strongly opposes and will score against votes related to the confirmation of Julie Rikelman to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Sincerely,

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