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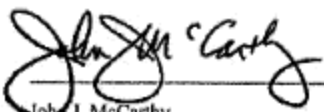
Dear Delegate Kelly:

This letter is in response to your September 25, 2018 request that the Montgomery County Police Department and State's Attorney's Office open a criminal investigation involving sexual assault allegations against Judge Brett Kavanaugh. First, let us be clear that our agencies take seriously all criminal reports of sexual assault or rape against any victim. The decision to report the crime of sexual assault or rape to law enforcement is a deeply personal one and a decision that must be made by the survivor. Our agencies understand and appreciate the impact that sexual assault has on survivors and investigate all reports to law enforcement to the fullest extent.

Law enforcement agencies and victim advocacy groups from around the nation promote a victim-centered policy toward sexual assault investigations. Efforts to not revictimize a sexual assault survivor are essential. We agree with the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and their Executive Director, Lisae Jordan, that the willingness of a survivor to come forward to law enforcement is an important factor in any criminal investigation. We remain prepared to investigate any allegation, should a victim come forward.

To date, there have been no criminal reports filed with the Montgomery County Department of Police that would lead to the initiation of any criminal investigation related to Judge Kavanaugh. Furthermore, the law at the time the offense occurred is the law that must be applied to any charges that might be brought. For example, in 1982, assault and attempted rape were both misdemeanors and subject to a one-year statute of limitations. The Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office stand ready to investigate any sexual assault allegation from any victim where the incident occurred in our jurisdiction.


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