

RAYMOND KETHLEDGE

Raymond Kethledge, currently a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, is on President Trump's short list for the Supreme Court.

WOULD PROTECT THE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL OVER THE RIGHTS OF ALL

In 2017, Kethledge wrote an [article](#) criticizing the power of federal agencies that enforce consumer, environmental, and workplace protections.

When a police dispatcher was fired from his job for being sick and his employer tried to avoid complying with the Family and Medical Leave Act, Kethledge [disagreed](#) with his colleagues and would have sided with the employer. He [ruled](#) against a 56-year-old senior manager at Kmart who was demoted in favor of a younger worker. Kethledge also [upheld](#) a Michigan law that was passed explicitly to retaliate against teachers engaging in their constitutional right to organize.

Kethledge [ruled against](#) environmental groups' and private citizens' ability to hold the state and polluters accountable under the Clean Air Act.

WILL OVERTURN ROE V. WADE AND THE ACA

Trump has again and again reminded us that he will only put justices on the Supreme Court that will pass his litmus test of overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Trump said [overturning Roe](#) "will happen automatically . . . because I am putting pro-life justices on the court." We should believe him. The Trump Administration is trying to use our federal courts to deprive millions of Americans of health insurance coverage. In addition to [attacking](#) the law that ensures companies cannot deny coverage to people with preexisting conditions, Trump himself explicitly stated he was looking for nominees that are hostile to the Affordable Care Act. Trump [said](#) "my judicial appointments will do the right thing unlike Bush's appointee John Roberts on Obamacare."

WILL WEAKEN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY

Kethledge would allow the government to collect information about your location from your cell phone [without a warrant](#), a position now [rejected](#) by the Supreme Court. Despite Michigan's rape-shield law, Kethledge wrote a dissent that [would](#) have found a rape survivor's sexual history relevant at trial. Kethledge, [concurring](#), would have condoned the actions of police who forcibly kned an elderly man who was being held on the ground by two officers, fracturing his ribs.

ENEMY OF IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

Kethledge [rejected a challenge](#) to the U.S. Border Patrol's practices, which appeared to "target persons of Hispanic appearance for questioning." In his opinion, Kethledge concluded that Border Patrol agents used the derogatory terms "wets" and "tonks" as "terms of art to refer to undocumented persons generally, rather than Hispanics specifically."

SUPPORTER OF VOTER SUPPRESSION

Kethledge ruled in favor of the [Ohio Republican Party](#) when it sued the state to block a [directive](#) that ensured that typos and clerical errors in government databases would not disenfranchise voters. The ruling forced these voters to vote "provisionally," if they were able to vote at all. Kethledge's holding would have prevented [as many as 200,000](#) otherwise eligible voters from casting their ballots. The Supreme Court promptly [vacated](#) the decision and allowed the votes to be counted.