

As I am sure my colleague will readily agree, the Federal Government is far too large in size and scope. In this case, the additional Federal regulation and the associated potential penalties and costs are not appropriate. This is not a case of industry committing fraud or making willful misrepresentations about their products. This bill simply mandates what manufacturers must tell consumers because it assumes that consumers are not sophisticated enough to make the judgment themselves.

If American consumers want more information about a product, they can be sure they will make it known. If a manufacturer wants to sell more of their products, you can be sure they will listen to the consumers. Congress doesn't need to insert itself into every equation.

I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is noted.

The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I have listened to the objections of my friend from Kentucky, and I use that word as many do on this floor, although he is not listening to my response, but that is his choice.

The first time I ever spoke on the floor was in support of Senator PAUL's filibuster in 2013. Senator PAUL is fond of telling his constituents that he is a libertarian, that he defends privacy. I am not quite a libertarian. I am a conservative, but I have strong libertarian leanings. And I want to note the irony that Senator PAUL, who has devoted his entire public career to defending liberty and defending privacy, just objected to protecting the privacy of over 300 million Americans. He just objected to Americans knowing whether they are being spied on at home. I have to admit it is truly flabbergasting.

I would like to invite my colleague Senator PAUL to join me in front of a gathering of libertarians, and let's discuss with libertarians which side of the aisle you want to be on. Do you want to be on the side of Big Business' surreptitiously tape-recording, photographing, and videotaping you in your home or in your bedroom without your knowing about it or is a mild and nominal disclosure requirement simply saying, "If you are going to tape-record someone or videotape them in their house, you have got to tell them," a justifiable burden?

I hope that, in time, reason will prevail, because we ought to be protecting privacy. This is a bill whereby, if we vote on it on the Senate floor, I am confident the vote would be 99 to 1. I am confident that every Senator except the Senator who just objected would support this bill. Protecting people's privacy is a good idea, and I hope the Senate can get there as a body.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS OF TIFFANY M. CARTWRIGHT AND KYMBERLY KATHRYN EVANSON

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to urge my colleagues to confirm two excellent judicial nominees to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington: Tiffany Cartwright, whom President Biden first nominated well over a year ago, and Kimberly Evanson, also nominated last year.

I am proud to say I recommended both of these women after they were vetted and endorsed by a nonpartisan judicial merit selection committee made up of Democratic and Republican legal experts. In fact, since 2021, the Senate has confirmed five judges to the Western District, each of whom were strongly supported by the same committee. And with Ms. Cartwright and Ms. Evanson, it is clear to me they have done it again.

These are two incredibly well-qualified nominees, with records which show they have an expert understanding of our laws, a passion for justice and fairness for everyone, and an appreciation for how their decisions will affect the lives of people across Washington State.

Tiffany Cartwright grew up in Kitsap County in Washington and received her law degree from Stanford University. She has clerked on both the Alaska Supreme Court for Justice Dana Fabe and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for Justice Betty B. Fletcher, and today she is a partner at a leading civil rights firm in the Pacific Northwest.

As a trial lawyer in Seattle, Ms. Cartwright has established herself as a preeminent civil rights attorney, dedicated to ensuring our laws are faithfully executed on behalf of the people they are meant to defend. She has represented employees who faced discrimination in the workplace, farmworkers who were denied the overtime they had earned, voters seeking to ensure that their vote was counted, and the families of victims of police misconduct.

She has argued cases in State and Federal court, including before the Washington Supreme Court, and also has earned the support of law enforcement officers, including a Washington State corrections officer, an ATF special agent, both of whom spoke to her dedication to their cases and her commitment to justice.

For 6 years, Ms. Cartwright also served on the local Rules Committee of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington, offering her unique expertise to consider some of the region's thorniest legal issues.

She also served on the board of directors for Legal Voice, an organization that is focused on women's rights.

Ms. Cartwright is a tested and proven civil rights attorney, with extensive Federal court experience and a track record of seeking justice for people who have faced discrimination, police misconduct, and more. Importantly, she is someone who will apply the law fairly and impartially and will make an excellent addition to the bench in Washington State, as will Kimberly Evanson.

Ms. Evanson was raised by two Washington State public school teachers and has dedicated her career to serving the State.

After attending law school in Georgetown and clerking for Judge Emmet Sullivan on the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia, she returned home to Washington State where she has practiced law for many years with distinction.

Throughout her career, Ms. Evanson has earned the respect of her peers and her opposing counsel through her work on cases of public importance.

As a partner at Pacifica Law Group, she has represented State, municipal, private, and nonprofit clients on a range of complicated legal issues.

In her work in Seattle, she regularly advises clients on constitutional and statutory questions around the First Amendment, complaints under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and more, not to mention her pro bono work. She has lent her time, services, and expertise to the Seattle Clemency Project and the Western District of Washington's Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic to provide legal counsel in cases involving access to justice, employment discrimination, housing discrimination, and more.

The ABA has rated her "well-qualified," and it is easy to see why. She has shown she has the expertise to work through the most complicated legal matters and the compassion to understand the stakes of these matters for people's everyday lives, all of which will serve her and the people of Washington State well on the bench of the Western District.

The people of Washington State deserve a court system that delivers justice for everyone, not just the powerful and well connected. They deserve judges who will carefully review each case on the merits and show respect for the law and everyone who appears before them. Based on their records of service in my State, I believe those are exactly the kind of judges that Ms. Cartwright and Ms. Evanson will be.

These appointments are well-deserved, and confirmation is well overdue. So I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for these highly qualified nominees. And I was pleased to see that both of them received bipartisan support in the Judiciary Committee. I hope to see that continue here on the Senate floor.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.
 The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I am pretty sure I am joining my colleague from Washington, who probably just spoke on the same subject, but I come to the floor to support the nominations of two very exceptional nominees to serve as judges for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Kimberly Evanson, born and raised in our State, grew up in Grays Harbor County before attending Tacoma High School in Tacoma. She attended Seattle University and went on to graduate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Nearly her entire legal career has been spent in the Western District of Washington and the district in which she will serve, if confirmed. She has nearly 15 years of experience with constitutional and Federal law procedure, making her—as the American Bar Association said—“well-qualified” for the Federal bench.

Ms. Evanson has dedicated her free time to supporting her community through volunteer work, and since 2013, she has been a regular volunteer with the Western District of Washington’s Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic. There, she provides legal advice to King and Pierce County residents who face employment discrimination, disability, housing, prison misconduct, and excessive force claims.

Ms. Evanson’s commitment to ensuring legal services and counsel is available to all, regardless of income, shows her dedication to a fair and inclusive justice system.

I urge my colleagues to confirm Ms. Evanson to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington without delay.

I also want to urge my colleagues to vote to confirm Tiffany Cartwright for the Western District of Washington. This is a historic nomination. If confirmed, Ms. Cartwright would be the first woman to serve as Federal district judge from the Tacoma courthouse.

Ms. Cartwright is a proud Washingtonian who grew up in Kitsap County and attended Central Kitsap High School. She went on to earn a bachelor of arts from Stanford University in 2007 and a juris doctorate from Stanford Law School.

Ms. Cartwright is extremely experienced in our court system. She has served as a law clerk in the Alaska State Supreme Court and has served as a Federal law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Cartwright currently serves as a civil rights attorney in Seattle, where her practice focuses on police mis-

conduct and gender discrimination. In addition to her work as a civil rights attorney, Ms. Cartwright serves on the Local Rules Committee for the Federal Bar Association.

Ms. Cartwright has made it a priority to improve the accessibility of the courts. In her free time, she has served as pro bono counsel for cases involving women’s and LGBTQ+ rights. And at the Seattle law firm where she works, she has developed a successful fellowship program to draw a diverse range of applicants to the firm and help reduce bias in the workforce.

A real champion for her community and civil rights, she would make an outstanding addition to the district court in the Western District of Washington. And again, I urge my colleagues to vote to confirm Tiffany Cartwright for the Western District of Washington.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON HIDALGO NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hidalgo nomination?

Mr. CARDIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted “nay.”

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 177 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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| Baldwin | Hassan | Peters |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Reed |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Rosen |
| Booker | Hirono | Sanders |
| Brown | Kaine | Schatz |
| Cantwell | Kelly | Schumer |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Sinema |
| Carper | Lujan | Smith |
| Casey | Manchin | Stabenow |
| Collins | Markey | Tester |
| Coons | Menendez | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Merkley | Warner |
| Duckworth | Murkowski | Warnock |
| Feinstein | Murphy | Warren |
| Fetterman | Murray | Welch |
| Gillibrand | Ossoff | Whitehouse |
| Graham | Padilla | Wyden |

NAYS—42

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| Barrasso | Capito | Daines |
| Blackburn | Cassidy | Ernst |
| Boozman | Cornyn | Fischer |
| Braun | Cramer | Grassley |
| Britt | Crapo | Hagerty |
| Budd | Cruz | Hawley |

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| Hoeven | McConnell | Schmitt |
| Hyde-Smith | Moran | Scott (FL) |
| Johnson | Mullin | Scott (SC) |
| Kennedy | Paul | Thune |
| Lankford | Risch | Tuberville |
| Lee | Romney | Vance |
| Lummis | Rounds | Wicker |
| Marshall | Rubio | Young |

NOT VOTING—7

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| Cotton | Ricketts | Tillis |
| Durbin | Shaheen | |
| King | Sullivan | |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

VOTE ON EVANSON NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Evanson nomination?

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted “nay.”

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 178 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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| Baldwin | Hassan | Reed |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Sanders |
| Booker | Kaine | Schatz |
| Brown | Kelly | Schumer |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Sinema |
| Cardin | Lujan | Smith |
| Carper | Manchin | Stabenow |
| Casey | Markey | Tester |
| Collins | Menendez | Van Hollen |
| Coons | Merkley | Warner |
| Cortez Masto | Murkowski | Warnock |
| Duckworth | Murphy | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murray | Welch |
| Fetterman | Ossoff | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Padilla | Wyden |
| Graham | Peters | |

NAYS—42

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| Barrasso | Fischer | Mullin |
| Blackburn | Grassley | Paul |
| Boozman | Hagerty | Risch |
| Braun | Hawley | Romney |
| Britt | Hoeven | Rounds |
| Budd | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Capito | Johnson | Schmitt |
| Cassidy | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cornyn | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Cramer | Lee | Thune |
| Crapo | Lummis | Tuberville |
| Cruz | Marshall | Vance |
| Daines | McConnell | Wicker |
| Ernst | Moran | Young |