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Hi –

Kavanaugh must not be confirmed. He's an abuser. I'm not talking about 36 years ago; I'm talking about now. Let me explain:

At the beginning of my junior year in college, I had an appointment with my advisor, to get my course-card signed. When I got to his office, the previous student was still inside. I could hear screaming:

«What do you think you're doing? You're taking the easiest course in every category. You're wasting your time. You're wasting *our* time. You're wasting your parents' money. I suppose technically this meets the requirements, so I have to sign it, but not until I make sure you know what I think about it!»

It went on like that for quite a while. Then the door flew open and the student fled, course-card in hand.

When I got in, the advisor was red-faced with anger. The veins in his neck were visibly throbbing. I pushed my course-card across the desk and retreated to the far corner of the room. He picked up the card and squinted at it.

«Up to your old tricks, I see. I suppose you know you don't have the prerequisites for any of these courses. Half of them are graduate-level courses. And none of them meet graduation requirements.»

I replied: "Yeah, but this course is really interesting, and it's being taught by the guy who literally wrote the book, and it's not offered every year, so if I don't take it now, I won't get the chance. And this other course,"

Whereupon he interrupted to say «Yeah, yeah, get outta here. We've got work to do.» He signed the card and off I went.

It was that kind of place: You could get yelled at for following the rules. Conversely, you could get tons of support for breaking the rules, if they thought you were – in the larger sense – doing the right thing.

I mention this to illustrate that there's a difference between privilege and entitlement.

I know what it's like to be given enormous privileges. In some sense I'm qualified to hold the privilege, but I don't feel entitled to it. I know that I've gotten some tremendously generous breaks along the way. There are such things as honor, duty, responsibility, and even humility.

Here's how it's supposed to work: They give you a little bit of privilege, and if you use it wisely, they give you some more. Conversely, if you abuse the privilege, they take it away – but that's an understatement. The actual standard is far higher: You're supposed to do something positively good with the privilege.

Alas, it appears that not everybody learns this lesson properly.

Kavanaugh shows an appalling lack of humility. He claimed that he got into Yale just by his own hard work, with no help from anybody else. Give me a break! His grandfather was a Yale, his father was a lobbyist and CEO, and his mother was a judge. His parents paid to send him to a very expensive, very prestigious prep school. I reckon 99% of the people who worked harder than he did would never get into Yale.

What's worse, he seems to think he can abuse his privileges however he likes. When it appears he can't get away with something, he cries. This is not how it's supposed to work.

Bottom line: Privilege is not necessarily a bad thing. If some jerk is abusing his privileges – whether he's breaking the rules OR NOT – don't complain about the privilege; complain about the abuse. Similarly, if privileges are being handed out unfairly, don't complain about the privilege; complain about the unfairness. Seriously, I think *more* people should be given the privilege of breaking the rules, in a good cause, if it's done carefully.

Kavanaugh is an abuser. I'm not talking about 36 years ago; I'm talking about now. He's a sanctimonious, entitled, selfish, arrogant ass. He's not fit to serve as a babysitter, much less as a federal judge.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Denker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.