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Re: 100 Days of Toomey Supreme Court Obstruction

Given the significant activity at the Supreme Court this week, it is noteworthy that today marks the 100th day since President Obama nominated Chief Judge Merrick Garland to fill the late Justice Scalia's seat. [The Supreme Court has three cases remaining to be decided on Monday, after it announced nine this week.](#)

Because of Republican obstruction, the Supreme Court is operating with just eight justices and is unable to reach decisions on important issues like [President Obama's Executive Order on Immigration](#), and is set to accept the fewest number of new cases in 70 years, delaying or denying justice to millions in the process.

For 100 days, Senate Republicans, including Senator Toomey, have continued to hold up the nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland to fill the vacancy on the Court in hopes that GOP Presidential nominee Donald Trump will have the chance to send a new nominee to the Senate next year.

The partisan [obstruction of the President's nominee is completely unprecedented](#). Senate Republicans are intent on obstructing a highly-qualified nominee who has garnered bipartisan support his entire career to enable Donald Trump to lead the nomination process, despite his frequent and questionable statements in opposition to protecting the Constitutional rights of all Americans.

Bottom Line:

Today marks 100 days of obstruction of Judge Garland's nomination, while an [overwhelming majority](#) of Pennsylvanians insist that Senator Toomey uphold his constitutional responsibility and give Judge Garland a hearing and a vote.

The vacant seat on the court continues to [produce 4-4 outcomes](#) on some of the most pressing issues facing our country, which illustrates what is at stake when politicians play games with the nation's highest court. Republicans have failed to fulfill their constitutional duty and consider the President's nomination to replace Justice Scalia.