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Pennsylvanians are asking: "WHERE'S PAT TOOMEY?"

Why Courts Matter - PA sets up "Where's Pat Toomey" hotline due to Senator Pat Toomey's lack of public events being held during the state work periods

PENNSYLVANIA – The Why Courts Matter - Pennsylvania coalition today asked Pennsylvanians to aid and assist in finding the whereabouts of Senator Pat Toomey. The coalition's request for Pennsylvanians to call the 'Where's Toomey' hotline at 203-665-8343 is in reaction to the zero public events being held by the Senator at the start of his state work period in July, and widespread rumors of unpublicized events being held by the Senator in order to avoid his constituents.

"It's disappointing that Senator Toomey is holding so few public events, instead choosing to have private gatherings and closed-door meetings," said Christine Stone, co-chair of Why Courts Matter - PA. "Pennsylvanians are frustrated with his obstruction of the Supreme Court, and overwhelmingly believe Merrick Garland deserves a hearing and vote. Constituents want the opportunity to express their concerns face to face, and ask that the Senator to do his job, and stop playing hide and seek."

<u>PPP's latest Pennsylvania poll</u> found that the overwhelming majority of Pennsylvanians think Supreme Court nominee <u>Merrick Garland</u> should get a hearing. Sixty-four percent of Pennsylvanians want hearings while only 19%

believe Garland should be outright rejected.

"We are calling on all Pennsylvanians to assist us in locating Senator Toomey, and inform us of any of his public and private events," said Jodi Hirsh, of Why Courts Matter Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvanians have a right to speak with their Senator, and we will publicize the details of any event we discover and confirm through our network across the state. We encourage Pennsylvanians of all political parties to join us in this effort, as responsiveness to constituents should not be a partisan issue."

Why Courts Matter Pennsylvania has established a 'Where's Toomey' hotline at 203-665-8343 for Pennsylvanians to call and relay details of any public or private events the Senator is holding during state work periods this summer, as well as an email address: WheresToomey@gmail.com.

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