

Timeline

Date	Event	Description/Notes	Citation
July 6	Ford speaks with Rep. Eshoo's staff.	<p>Ford called Eshoo's office and requested a meeting. A staffer spoke with Ford in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>In her letter to Senator Feinstein, Ford wrote, "On July 6 I notified my local government representative to ask them how to proceed"</p>	<p>Hearing testimony; Casey Tolan, <i>Congresswoman Anna Eshoo First To Hear Blasey Ford's Story: 'I Told Her I Believed Her,'</i> Mercury News (Sep. 18, 2018), https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/18/christine-blasey-ford-first-meeting-anna-eshoo-brett-kavanaugh/; <i>Read the Letter Christine Blasey Ford Sent Accusing Brett Kavanaugh of Sexual Misconduct</i>, CNN (Sep. 17, 2018), https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/16/politics/blasey-ford-kavanaugh-letter-feinstein/index.html.</p>
	Ford texts the <i>Washington Post</i> tipline using WhatsApp.	Identifies "Brett Kavanaugh with Mark Judge" as her attacker and says that "PJ" was a "bystander." She says she "shouldn't be quiet" about her allegations.	Hearing Testimony; Produced documents
July 9	Ford speaks with Eshoo's staff on the phone.		Hearing testimony
July 10	Ford contacts the <i>Washington Post</i> again.	"Been advised to contact senators or NYT. Haven't heard back from WaPo."	Produced documents
At some point between July 10 and September 16	Ford speaks with Emma Brown, a <i>Washington Post</i> reporter.	Brown was the reporter who ultimately responded to the WhatsApp entries.	Hearing testimony
July 18	Ford meets with Eshoo's staff.		Hearing testimony
July 20	Ford speaks with Eshoo.	Ford and Eshoo met for "more than an hour and half" in a "conference room." Eshoo suggested that she write a letter detailing her claims to Senator Feinstein.	Hearing testimony; Casey Tolan, <i>Congresswoman Anna Eshoo First To Hear Blasey Ford's Story: 'I Told Her I Believed Her,'</i> Mercury News (Sep. 18, 2018), https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/18/christine-blasey-ford-first-meeting-anna-eshoo-brett-kavanaugh/ .
July 30	The letter, dated July 30, is delivered to Senator Feinstein's D.C. office.	"Eshoo said she hasn't met with the professor since that July afternoon, although her staff has been in contact with her since she came forward."	Hearing testimony; Casey Tolan, <i>Congresswoman Anna Eshoo First To Hear Blasey Ford's Story: 'I Told Her I Believed Her,'</i> Mercury News (Sep. 18, 2018), https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/18/christine-blasey-ford-first-meeting-anna-eshoo-brett-kavanaugh/ .

July 31	Senator Feinstein writes a return letter to Ford.	The letter promises not to share Ford's letter without her explicit consent. Ford did not provide this letter to the Committee.	Hearing testimony
Between July 30 and August 7	Ford speaks by phone with Senator Feinstein.		Hearing testimony
Between July 30 and August 7	Ford speaks with Senator Feinstein's staff, who recommends that she engage Debra Katz.		Hearing testimony
Between July 30 and August 7	Ford engages Debra Katz to represent her with regard to her allegations.		Hearing testimony
August 7	Ford takes a polygraph test after she engages Katz.	Ford took a polygraph test administered by a former FBI agent. Katz provided the results to the <i>Washington Post</i> . They showed that she "was being truthful when she said a statement summarizing her allegations was accurate."	Hearing Testimony; Emma Brown, <i>California Professor, Writer of Confidential Brett Kavanaugh Letter, Speaks Out About Her Allegation of Sexual Assault</i> , Washington Post (Sep. 16, 2018), https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/california-professor-writer-of-confidential-brett-kavanaugh-letter-speaks-out-about-her-allegation-of-sexual-assault/2018/09/16/46982194-b846-11e8-94eb-3bd52dfe917b_story.html .
August 20	Senator Feinstein meets one-on-one with Kavanaugh.		Hearing Testimony; Michael Macagnone & Jimmy Hoover, <i>Kavanaugh Meets Top Senate Dem Opposing His Confirmation</i> , Law360 (Aug. 20, 2018), https://www.law360.com/articles/1075169/kavanaugh-meets-top-senate-dem-opposing-his-confirmation .
August 28	Senator Feinstein's staff participates in the first Background Investigation (BI) call.	Senator Feinstein's staff asked Judge Kavanaugh numerous questions about confidential background information.	Committee records
August 31	Senator Feinstein writes Dr. Ford a letter	Senator Feinstein promises that "she would not share [Dr. Ford's July 30] letter without [Dr. Ford's] explicit consent."	Hearing testimony

September 4-7	SJC holds a public hearing on Kavanaugh's nomination.		Committee records
September 6	SJC gives Senators an opportunity to question Kavanaugh about sensitive issues at a closed session.	Senator Feinstein does not attend closed session.	Committee records
September 12	The <i>Intercept</i> reports that SJC Democrats have requested to view a "Kavanaugh-related document" in the possession of Senator Feinstein.	The article reported that a letter in the possession of Senator Feinstein "purportedly describe[d] an incident that was relayed to someone affiliated with Stanford University, who authored the letter and sent it to Rep. Anna Eshoo, a Democrat who represents the area."	Ryan Grim, <i>Dianne Feinstein Withholding Brett Kavanaugh Document From Fellow Judiciary Committee Democrats</i> , <i>Intercept</i> (Sep. 12, 2018), https://theintercept.com/2018/09/12/brett-kavanaugh-confirmation-dianne-feinstein/ .
September 12	Ford's attorney Debra Katz is seen leaving Capitol Hill shortly after the <i>Intercept</i> story was published.		Lissandra Villa and Paul McLeod, <i>Senate Democrats Have Referred a Secret Letter about Brett Kavanaugh to the FBI</i> , <i>BuzzFeed News</i> (Sep. 13, 2018), https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/lissandravilla/senate-democrats-have-sent-a-secret-letter-about-brett .
September 13	Senator Feinstein refers the letter to the FBI.		Burgess Everett & Edward-Isaac Dovere, <i>Feinstein Asks Feds To Investigate Kavanaugh Claims in Letter</i> , <i>Politico</i> (Sep. 30, 2018), https://www.politico.com/story/2018/09/13/feinstein-kavanaugh-investigation-letter-822902 .
September 14	The <i>New Yorker</i> reports on an interview with Ford but does not identify her by name.	The article described the incident in detail.	Ronan Farrow & Jane Mayer, <i>A Sexual-Misconduct Allegation Against the Supreme Court Nominee Brett Kavanaugh Stirs Tension Among Democrats in Congress</i> , <i>New Yorker</i> (Sep. 14, 2018), https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/a-sexual-misconduct-allegation-against-the-supreme-court-nominee-brett-kavanaugh-stirs-tension-among-democrats-in-congress .
September 16	The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on an interview with Ford.	The article described the incident in detail.	Emma Brown, <i>California Professor, Writer of Confidential Brett Kavanaugh Letter, Speaks Out About Her Allegation of Sexual Assault</i> , <i>Washington Post</i> (Sep. 16, 2018), https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/california-professor-writer-of-confidential-brett-kavanaugh-letter-

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September 17	SJC has a follow-up BI call with Kavanaugh on the Ford letter. Senator Feinstein does not participate.	Senator Feinstein's staff did not show up.	Committee records
September 25	SJC speaks with Kavanaugh about the allegations against him.	Senator Feinstein's staff declared that they were present "under protest" and did not participate.	Committee records
September 26	SJC speaks with Judge Kavanaugh about the allegations against him.	Senator Feinstein's staff declared that they were present "under protest" and did not participate.	Committee records