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July 14, 2001

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Request for your Senatorial Endorsement of Hearings on Federal Judicial Discipline and Removal by the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts – Including Threshold Hearings on the 1993 Report of the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal

Dear Senator Clinton:

The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, focusing on issues of judicial selection and discipline on federal, state, and local levels. As you can see from our enclosed informational brochure, CJA is not only a constituent, based in New York State, but your neighbor, headquartered in Westchester County, only 15 minutes from your Chappaqua home. We invite you to visit.

As you know, Charles Schumer, with whom you share the privilege of representing New York, is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. For this reason, you are an indicated recipient of CJA's July 3, 2001 letter to him, requesting that he hold hearings on federal judicial discipline and removal.

The necessity for such hearings is set forth at pages 16-18 of that letter and further particularized by Exhibits "N" and "O" thereto. CJA's enclosed July 11, 2001 letter to Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott highlights that the threshold hearings that must be held are on the methodologically-flawed and dishonest 1993 Report of the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal, whose most critical legitimate recommendations, costing taxpayers more than three quarters of a million dollars, have *not* been implemented.

By CJA's letters to these Senate leaders, to President Bush, to the Senate Judiciary Committee members, and to the House Judiciary Committee, CJA has requested their endorsement of CJA's request for congressional hearings on judicial discipline and removal, beginning with hearings on the 1993 National Commission's Report. Likewise, we request your strong endorsement.

We would be pleased to meet with you and review with you the incontrovertible documentary proof, long in the possession of the House Judiciary Committee, that the public is wholly unprotected against incompetent, abusive and dishonest federal judges.

We trust you will act swiftly to address this emergency situation by publicly endorsing CJA's request for hearings on judicial discipline and removal – and thank you in advance for so doing.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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Enclosures:

- (1) CJA's informational brochure
- (2) CJA's July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer
- (3) CJA's July 11, 2001 letter to Senate Majority/Minority Leaders
- (4) CJA's July 11, 2001 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Members
- (5) CJA's July 14, 2001 letter to President George W. Bush
- (6) CJA's July 9, 2001 letter to House Judiciary Committee Counsel

cc: Senator Charles Schumer, Chairman/Senate Judiciary Courts Subcommittee Recipients of CJA's July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer

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