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Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 224, Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6275

ATT: Leah Belaire, Investigative Counsel

RE: Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of Alvin K. Hellerstein,
District Court, Southern District of New York

Dear Ms. Belaire:

Enclosed is CJA's August 11, 1998 letter to ABA President Philip A. Anderson. You are not only an indicated recipient of that letter, but the letter *expressly* affords you the opportunity to correct our recitation of your statement to us, as recounted at page 10, *in the event it is erroneous*.

As therein set forth, you told us that you had reviewed our 1992 critique of the federal judicial screening process, as focused on the case-study of the qualifications of Andrew O'Rourke, our supplement to the critique, and our subsequent correspondence, including correspondence with Alvin Hellerstein, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and had found nothing objectionable in Mr. Hellerstein's February 3, 1993 letter response¹. You further indicated that the Senators of the Judiciary Committee had shared your assessment.

By this letter, we ask you to directly state which Senators, if any, *actually* examined the aforesaid materials for themselves.

Also enclosed is a copy of the cert petition in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* -- now before the U.S. Supreme Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari, as summarized at pages 3-6 of our August 11th letter to Mr. Anderson. The fraudulent conduct by federal judges, detailed by the petition and

¹ Exhibit "P" to CJA's Correspondence Compendium III

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undenied by respondents, who have waived their right to file an opposing brief, illuminates the complete perversion of the rule of law that can be expected from judicial nominees, such as Mr. Hellerstein, whose dishonesty and lack of integrity is already evident in the Senate confirmation stage.

Please be sure to show such cert petition to the same Senators of the Judiciary Committee to whom you show our 1992 critique, supplement and related correspondence.

Finally, so that the Senators of the Judiciary Committee can even more fully understand the danger to the public posed by their "rubber-stamp" confirmation of unfit judicial nominees -- by reason of the dysfunction of mechanisms to discipline and remove corrupt federal judges -- enclosed is a copy of CJA's statement to the House Judiciary Committee in connection with its June 11, 1998 "oversight" hearing of "the administration and operation of the federal judiciary", together with our corroborative evidentiary compendium. This, too, should be shown to the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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- Enclosures:
- (1) CJA's 8/11/98 letter to ABA President Anderson
 - (2) *Sassower v. Mangano* cert petition
 - (3) waiver on behalf of *Mangano* respondents
 - (4) CJA's statement and evidentiary compendium, submitted for inclusion in the record of the House Judiciary Committee's "oversight" hearing
 - (5) CJA's informational brochure

cc: American Bar Association
ATT: President Philip Anderson

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