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John D. Feerick, President
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42 West 44th Street
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Dear President Feerick:

This letter follows up our correspondence and conversation of last week with Alan Rothstein, Esq., the City Bar's counsel.

Enclosed is a copy of a two-part editorial entitled "O'Rourke Belongs on the Bench Now", that appeared in the September 6, 1992 Gannett newspapers.

Although Gannett newspapers have a copy of the critique we submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, they prefer to rest their endorsement of Mr. O'Rourke on the fact that he was

"found qualified for the federal district court bench by the appropriate committees of both the American Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of New York City" (at para. 1).

The evidence contained by our critique irrefutably establishes the unfitness of Mr. O'Rourke and the failure of the screening process to protect the public. The City Bar can no longer delay in its obligation to meet these straight-forward evidentiary issues.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER
Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

Enclosure: Gannett editorial, 9/6/92

cc: Alan Rothstein, Counsel, City Bar
Chairman Joseph Biden, Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell