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Elena Sassower  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 2008. I regret that we were not able to respond more promptly to your request. We share your concerns about the federal system for holding judges accountable, but unfortunately our organization's limited staff and resources prevent us from being able to join your campaign at this time.

We are working with Senator Feingold's office to support passage of his amendment to Senate Bill 1638 (placing monetary caps and other restrictions on the reimbursements that federal judges may accept in connection with privately funded, multi-day seminars). We will certainly inform you of any progress in this matter, and we hope that you will keep us apprised of developments as you pursue congressional hearings on the Breyer Committee report.

Thank you for your support of our Judicial Integrity Project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Blonder".

Suzanne M. Blonder  
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