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Mr. George Sassower
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Dear Mr. Sassower:

I appreciate your taking the time to write concerning the nomination of John Dunne to head the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. As you may know, Mr. Dunne's nomination was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 8, 1990, and was approved by the full Senate on March 9, 1990.

I believe that Mr. Dunne is committed to enforcing the civil rights laws and to reducing discrimination, and that he has the legal skills and judgment to carry out that vital task. In supporting Mr. Dunne's nomination, however, I do not support or condone his long-time membership in two clubs that discriminate against women.

In view of Mr. Dunne's record on other civil rights issues such as prisoners' rights and AIDS, I supported his nomination. During his tenure as Assistant Attorney General, I hope that Mr. Dunne will be sensitive to the subtle forms that discrimination can take in modern America, and I look forward to working with him in the years ahead to fulfill the Constitution's promise of equal justice for all.

Again, thank you for writing and best regards.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator