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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

MESSAGE:

To the Senate Judiciary Committee Staff:

Please deliver this letter immediately to the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. As requested therein, we ask that the subject of our May 18, 1992 letter to Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell be placed on the agenda of this morning's 10 a.m. Executive Business meeting.

Although we trust that the Senators have received original copies of our May 18th letter--which we mailed to each of them c/o the Senate Judiciary Committee--we are also faxing a copy of same just in case.

We have left numerous messages for Ms. Grant--which have not been returned. We would appreciate a return call either from her or from another staff member able to give us the assistance we require.

Your expeditious attention would be most appreciated.

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May 21, 1992

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

RE: Moratorium on Judicial Confirmations

Dear Committee Members:

We understand that an Executive Business meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee is taking place at 10 a.m. this morning.

We respectfully request that the subject of our May 18, 1992 letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitchell--calling for an immediate moratorium on all judicial nominations--be placed on your agenda for discussion and that the Senate Judiciary Committee present a Resolution to that effect to the full Senate.

The December 18, 1991 Report of the Senate's Task Force on the Confirmation Process recognizes the need for action by the Senate Judiciary Committee when the Executive branch fails in its duty to present properly qualified judicial nominees. By the critique we presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee as our Law Day contribution, we have established that such failure presently and flagrantly exists.

Based upon the evidence we have furnished you, the public can have no further confidence in either the process leading up to the President's nomination or in the judicial nominees resulting therefrom.

The failure of the Justice Department to properly do its job, as well as its interference with the role of the bar associations in the screening process, requires immediate investigation.

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We respectfully submit that it is far better that the initiative for such investigation come from the Senate itself, rather than the clamor of the press and the public--resulting from dissemination of our critique.

Most respectfully,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER
Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

Enclosure:

5/18/92 ltr to Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell

cc: Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell
Members of the Senate Task Force on the Confirmation Process
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Alliance for Justice
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