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Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

FROM:

MESSAGE:

To the Senate Judiciary Committee Staff:

Since Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell does not have a fax number which is made available to the public, we would appreciate your delivering this letter to him immediately.

We would also appreciate your immediate delivery of a copy to Chairman Biden since he, likewise, is an indicated recipient of the letter.

Your expeditious attention is greatly appreciated.

*Elena Ruth
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By Fax and Mail

June 2, 1992

Hon. George J. Mitchell
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1902

RE: Confirmation of Judicial Nominees

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Herein enclosed is a copy of our May 26, 1992 letter to President Feerick of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, which should be considered an update and supplementation to our Law Day submission to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Whereas our submission to the Senate Judiciary Committee documented the failure of the Justice Department and the American Bar Association to conduct appropriate investigation of prospective judicial nominees, our letter to President Feerick details an even greater abuse by the City Bar, i.e., the deliberate screening out of information adverse to the nominee.

Since the City Bar is one of the most prestigious and respected bar associations in the country, this latest evidence powerfully confirms the conclusion set forth in our submission and in our May 18, 1992 letter to you:

"that a serious and dangerous situation exists at every level of the judicial nomination and confirmation process--from the inception of the senatorial recommendation up to and including nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate--resulting from the dereliction of all involved, including the professional organizations of the bar."

June 2, 1992

Based upon the evidence we have presented, 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 documented failure of the screening process warrants an immediate halt to Senate confirmation of pending judicial nominations until appropriate investigation is undertaken and safeguards put in place to protect the public from elevation of "unsuitable" individuals to life-time federal court judgeships.

It is respectfully submitted that it is far better that the initiative for such decisive action come from the Senate itself, rather than from the clamor of the press and the public--resulting from dissemination of the evidence we have heretofore provided.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER
Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

Enclosures:

- (a) 5/26/92 ltr to City Bar President Feerick
- (b) 5/7/92 ltr from the City Bar to Chairman Biden

cc: Chairman Joseph Biden, Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan
People for the American Way
Alliance for Justice