

# United States Senate

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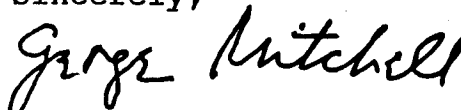
Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am sorry my staff were unable to locate materials you believe were forwarded to this office earlier this year. As a normal matter, materials on judgeships generally are provided to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee makes an effort to preserve the confidentiality of such communications.

I understand your concern about the misuse of the nominating power by this Administration. You identify issues which have been a matter of contention and debate for many years, over the course of a number of Administrations. Although a number of Members of the Senate have sought to de-politicize the recommendations process through the use of non-partisan expert selection panels in their states, the final nominating decision remains with the President, so you should address your complaints directly to him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



George J. Mitchell

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