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Senator Herbert Kohl  
Room 330, Hart Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Att: Jon Liebowitz, Chief Counsel  
Eduardo Elena, Clerk

RE: Senate Moratorium on all Judicial Confirmations  
and, Specifically, Citizen Opposition to Senate  
Confirmation of Justice Lawrence Kahn

Dear Mr. Liebowitz:

Per our telephone conversation a short while ago, enclosed is our June 28, 1996 letter to Chairman Hatch, calling for a Senate moratorium of all judicial confirmations pending an official inquiry into the demonstrably dysfunctional processes of pre- and post-nomination screening.

Copies of that letter--to which we have received no response--were sent, via the Senate Judiciary Committee, for distribution to every Committee member. Therefore, I am most concerned by your statement to me that you had not seen the letter.

So that there is no doubt as to Senator Kohl's obligation to show leadership and to take immediate steps to ensure that there be no Senate vote tomorrow to confirm Justice Kahn's nomination--or that of the other judicial nominees--we request that you personally examine the exhibits to our June 28, 1996 letter, as well as the documentary materials that accompanied our May 27, 1996 letter to Chairman Hatch. We would note that copies of our May 27th letter were also sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for distribution to every Committee member.

As may be seen from the enclosed fax to the Senate Judiciary Committee, we have today requested that such documentation be transmitted to Steve Seale, Legislative Assistant to Senate Majority Leader Lott.

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We do not know the status of our transmittal request inasmuch as the Senate Judiciary Committee receptionists have refused to even verify that our fax has been given to its counsel--whose identity I was told is "confidential"--and have refused to confirm that the materials will, as requested, be transmitted for Mr. Seale's review. Please call us should you be unable to access the documentary materials supporting our aforesaid two letters.

Earlier this morning, I was told by Mr. Seal that an "agreement" had been reached between Republicans and Democrats to confirm Justice Kahn and the other judicial nominees. We, therefore, implore you, if the public right to a quality federal judiciary means anything to Senator Kohl--as opposed to political deal-making--tomorrow's judicial confirmations must be stopped. We are counting on Senator Kohl's leadership, as a Senate Judiciary Committee member, to ensure that they are.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosures: 6/28/96 ltr to Chairman Hatch  
7/15/96 fax to Senate Judiciary Committee

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Majority Leader Lott  
Att: Steve Seale, Legislative Assistant  
Senate Minority Leader Daschle  
Att: Caroline Fredrickson, Legislative Assistant

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