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Mr. Joe Stephens
The Kansas City Star

RE: THE MANDATE OF IMPARTIALITY: CJA's impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Rehnquist and the media-unreported story about the House Judiciary Committee

Dear Joe:

Enclosed is CJA's press release. As discussed, Chief Justice Rehnquist's *first* act when he came into the Senate chamber yesterday was to swear to an oath of impartiality, which he then administered to the 100 Senators.

CJA's pending impeachment complaint against Justice Rehnquist revolves around his wilful violation of his duty of impartiality -- mandated by his oath of office, ethical rules, and federal law, his outright subversion of that law, 28 U.S.C. §455, by his wilful failure to adjudicate a disqualification/disclosure application made thereunder, and his wilful failure, as head of the Judicial Conference, to take corrective steps in the face of notice that the Judicial Conference had made false and deceitful representations to Congress as to the adequacy of §455, shown to have been subverted by the lower federal judiciary.

Indeed, of the two issues presented for the Supreme Court's review by the *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* (#98-106) cert petition, the second issue was the lower federal judiciary's subversion of §455, with the first issue being the Court's mandatory duty of supervision and its ethical duty to refer the subject federal judges for disciplinary and criminal referral.

Finally, and so that you have proof of the House Judiciary Committee's receipt of CJA's November 6, 1998 impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice, enclosed are the certified mail/return receipts. Both the Republican and Democratic sides of the Committee received the complaint in the day(s) following Professor Lawrence Tribe's November 9th testimony that "letting partisan considerations affect one's decision ... is *always* an impeachable abuse of power in a judge."

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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