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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Nomination of Hon. John T. Fowlkes, Jr.
To the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of the Hon. John T. Fowlkes, Jr. who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Judge Fowlkes is "Well Qualified" for the position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Judge Fowlkes.

Sincerely,



Allan J. Joseph
Chair

**cc: Hon. John T. Fowlkes, Jr.
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