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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

June 30, 2011

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

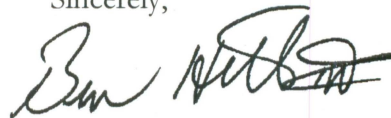
*Re: Nomination of Thomas O. Rice
To the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Washington*

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Thomas O. Rice who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. As a result of our investigation, a Substantial Majority of the Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Rice is "Qualified". A minority of the Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Rice is "Not Qualified" for the position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Thomas O. Rice.

Sincerely,



Benjamin H. Hill, III
Chair

cc: Thomas O. Rice
The Honorable Robert F. Bauer
Michael Zubrensky, Esq. (via email)
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This letter was sent to the following members of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6275 on June 30, 2011.

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