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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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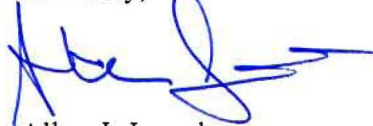
***Re: Nomination of Paul J. Watford
To the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Paul J. Watford who has been nominated for a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Watford is "Well Qualified" for the position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Paul J. Watford.

Sincerely,



Allan J. Joseph
Chair

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