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May 6, 2011

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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United States Senate
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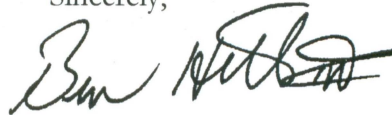
**Re: *Nomination of Katherine Forrest
To the United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Katherine Forrest who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Ms. Forrest is "Well Qualified" for the position. There was one recusal.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Katherine Forrest.

Sincerely,



Benjamin H. Hill, III
Chair

cc: Katherine Forrest
The Honorable Robert F. Bauer
Michael Zubrensky, Esq. (via email)
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