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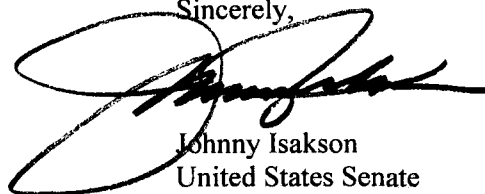
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I write you today regarding Timothy J. Feighery, President Obama's nominee to be the Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. On November 15, 2010, the White House formally transmitted Mr. Feighery's nomination to the Senate and it is currently pending before the Committee on the Judiciary.

As you both are well aware, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC) has had two positions vacant for some time, which has prevented the FCSC from adjudicating the claims against foreign governments brought by U.S. nationals. These delays are concerning to me.

Specifically, I have constituents interested in the adjudication of the claims against the Government of Libya that were referred to the FCSC by the Department of State on January 15, 2009. Too many years have passed since my constituents and others were violated by acts of terrorism carried out by the Libyans, and I believe that these people need closure. I hope that you both will work hard to approve Mr. Feighery's nomination as soon as possible so that the full Senate can approve it before the end of the 111th Congress.

Sincerely,



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United States Senate

Cc: The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader, United States Senate