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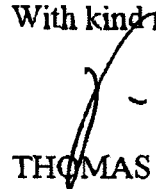
Senator Patrick Leahy
199 Main Street, 4th Floor
Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Honorable Beverly O'Connell

Dear Senator Leahy:

On Wednesday, Judge Beverly O'Connell will appear before your committee. She has been nominated to the Federal District Court. She is currently a State Court judge. She is absolutely terrific. She is smart, hardworking, and would be a terrific addition to the Federal District Court.

With kind regards,


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