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Sen. Harry Reid
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522 Hart Senate Office Building
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**Re: Nomination of Stephen Bough to the U.S. District Court for the
Western District of Missouri**

Dear Senators:

I am writing regarding the nomination of Stephen Bough to fill a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. I understand his nomination has been voted out of committee and is being considered for a final vote.

I am a lawyer who represents almost exclusively defendants in civil cases. I am also a strong Republican. I served as the Presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri during the administration of President George H.W. Bush and served in leadership positions on various Department of Justice Committees. I am a former Republican County Chairman and have worked in a number of Republican campaigns.

I have known Steve Bough for more than ten years. He is a tough advocate, but very fair and professional in his dealings and has great respect for the judicial system. I have no doubt that he would be fair and impartial in his dealings with attorneys and parties in his court, regardless of whether they were plaintiffs or defendants. He would be an outstanding addition to the District Court here and I urge you to send his nomination to the floor.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

Very truly yours,

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