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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Attorney Michael P. Shea to be a United States District Judge

Dear Senator Leahy:

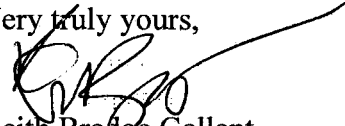
I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association ("CBA") has voted to rate Attorney Michael P. Shea, the President's nominee to be a Judge for the United States District Court, as "qualified" by a unanimous vote.

The twelve members of the Committee are charged with responsibility for evaluating and reporting on the suitability of the Connecticut nominees to the federal bench. The Committee rates all such nominees as either "qualified" or "not qualified". (There is no "highly qualified" rating available.)

The Committee reviewed and discussed the nominee's background and qualifications and interviewed Attorney Shea on March 12, 2012. Once the Committee determined that no further information or interviews were required, it voted on Attorney Shea's qualifications.

The CBA appreciates the opportunity to participate in the federal judicial nominee review process. The CBA looks forward to Attorney Shea's confirmation by the Senate and to his service to the public and legal community as a Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Very truly yours,


Keith Braddoc Gallant
President