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Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
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Senator Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
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In re: Nomination of Judge Beth Labson Freeman to
 the Northern District of California

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

Soon the President's nomination of the Honorable Beth Labson Freeman, a judge of the San Mateo County [California] Superior Court, will come before you for confirmation. I most respectfully urge you to confirm the nomination.

I am proudly a life-long Republican. While I have disagreed with many of the President's judicial nominations, this one should prove to be one of the best of his presidency.

I have tried cases before Judge Freeman and have interacted with her in Court on many occasions over the years. I cannot overstate her qualifications as a jurist. She is without any doubt an extraordinarily skilled and qualified jurist to sit as an Article III judge. Judge Freeman's knowledge of the law, her judicial temperament, her control of the courtroom, her ability to grasp and understand complicated and complex facts and law, her willingness to listen, and the way she treats counsel and the litigants is beyond what most lawyers and clients could ever expect of a judge.

Senators Leahy and Grassley (. . . cont'd.)

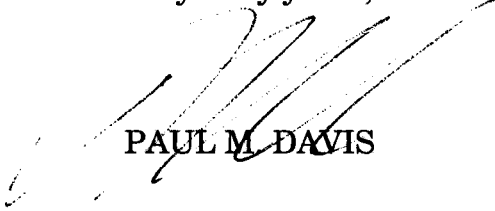
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Judge Freeman's confirmation to the United States District Court of the Northern District of California will be a significant asset to the United States District Court and a significant loss to the San Mateo County Superior Court.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important nomination.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein