



AN ORGANIZATION FOR FAMILIES

August 15, 2011

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Leahy,

I write on behalf of the Committee to Aid Abused Women to endorse Miranda Du to serve as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, in Las Vegas.

The mission of CAAW is "Changing Lives – Ending Family Violence"; we were founded in Reno in 1977 and provide temporary shelter, transitional housing, protection orders, and support services to victims of domestic violence who are escaping from abusive relationships.

Our board enthusiastically endorses Miranda's nomination. Miranda recently assisted the CAAW Board of Directors with a difficult legal matter. Her advice to us was based on a thorough review and weighing of both sides of the situation. She ably provided options for our consideration and guided us through the pros and cons of each option. Her approach gave the Board a solid foundation for discussion and decision making. Miranda was generous with her time, her knowledge and her innate sense of fairness.

Based on our experience, we know that Miranda will be a fine and fair judge. Her even-tempered nature, her amazing knowledge base and her ability to see both sides of an issue as she reaches a decision will all serve the court well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharon Gibbons'.

Sharon Gibbons
CAAW Board of Directors - Chairperson